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EXTRA £20K TO REPAIR BRIDGE

Report by Jack Averty

CASH-STRAPPED Cannock Council could be forced to pay an extra £20,000 to repair a bridge as part of the district's heritage trail.

The bridge, over Rising Brook in Rugeley, collapsed four years ago and must be repaired before the flood defence scheme in the town is put into place.

The repairs were originally set to cost £61,000, with the council's cabinet agreeing to put the money up.

But new calculations by the environment agency, who will be carrying out the work, have increased that cost to £83,000.

The cabinet was expected to give this revised cost the nod at a meeting today (Thursday).

But Councillor Paul Snape, the leader of the Conservative group in Cannock Chase, has warned that the extra £22,000 or so has got to come from somewhere despite the council going through 'great financial difficulty'.

He said: "If it is essential work that has gone to be done then its got to be paid for. But from £61,000 to £83,000, the money has got to come from somewhere and ratepayers are not a bottomless fund.

"As everyone knows the council is going through great financial difficulty at the moment," he added.

Existing

The bridge's collapse four years ago forced council chiefs to divert the Chase Heritage Trail and the path over the bridge was fenced off for security reasons.

Rock armour 'boulders' were installed under licence from the Environment Agency and used to prop up the existing structure.

Councillor George Adamson, the leader of the council, said the new revised price of £83,000 was only a top end guide price, and that the final figure could actually be much lower.

He said: "The original pricing was an estimate by the Environment Agency as they are doing the flood defence work.

"They have now done more pricing work and come up with this new figure but it could up costing us less than that."

A report cabinet says issues with the bridge and that particular section of the Chase Heritage Trail had been raised as part of the public consultation on the flood alleviation scheme and warns the bridge work would be impossible to carry out once the flood defence scheme is in place.

It is estimated the overall flood scheme – designed to safeguard the town centre from a one in a hundred years flood event – will cost in the region of £3 million, with £750,000 being contributed from the Local Growth Fund.

Once the repair work is completed it has been estimated the bridge will be secure for more than 50 years.

VIEW FROM THE AIR AS HOMES TAKE SHAPE

The aerial view of the luxury Cannock Chase 'eco-homes' development is captured by a drone

THIS latest aerial shot shows how far work has progressed at a plot to build 13 state-of-the-art homes in the heart of Cannock Chase.

The Fallow Park scheme, being built by Hednesford company Jessup Brothers, consists of 13 'eco-efficient' homes, each with a guide price of between £535,000 and £580,000.

After an aerial shot of the site was released in July, this new image, shot from a drone, shows how far the work has come.

The homes are set in a 5.5-acre site on the edge of Cannock Chase. Bosses at Jessup Brothers say that once work is complete, the site will be transformed into 'an exclusive gated community' with easy access to the Chase. The scheme is set on a former factory siteand three of the 13 plots have already been snapped up.

Chartered architect Steve Faizey, who designed the site layout and the homes at Fallow Park, said: "The Fallow Park site offered a unique opportunity to design imaginative contemporary homes on a site that blends seamlessly into the natural landscape of Cannock Chase. We believe the development respects and enhances the local biodiversity to provide a truly aspirational place to live."

The homes have either four or five bedrooms and surround a pond.

Jessup Brothers chief executive Clive Jessup said: "It has taken some years to bring this unique development to fruition with its imaginative contemporary homes that will blend into the natural environment of Cannock Chase.

"We believe the development respects and enhances the local biodiversity and provides a truly aspirational place to live."

BUDGET

Council to cut CAB funding by £50,000

CANNOCK Chase's Citizens Advice Bureau is expecting hefty cuts to its budget in the wake of a £50,000 loss of funding from the district council.

Cannock Chase Council has said it wants to cut £52,890 of funding to the CAB next year. It means its income from the council will drop to £84,000 from £136,890.

Chief executive of Staffordshire South West CAB, Sue Nicholls, said she hopes the charity will be able to negotiate with the authority over the money it will lose.

She said: "Cannock Council has been a very staunch supporter of Citizens Advice."

BLAZE

Huge fire could smoke for months

A HUGE fire that started in Slitting Mill on September 5 could continue to burn into next year, it has been revealed.

The blaze is still smouldering despite having been buried under soil. The owners of the site are being investigated by Staffordshire County Council.

Cannock Chase Council managing director Tony McGovern said the fire was expected to burn for months and the situation was being monitored.

Chase MP Amanda Milling said the fire needed to be dealt with as soon as possible.

REFUGEES

'Jungle' children to arrive in county

COUNTY Council leader Philip Atkins believes dozens of children at the so-called 'jungle' refugee camp in Calais may soon be arriving in Staffordshire.

A team of British officials were sent to Calais to help French authorities speed up the transfer of minors ahead of the dismantling of the Jungle. Councillor Atkins said: "The Government is speeding up actions to accept children from the migrant camps in Calais and councils have been put on standby to expect their arrival at short notice. Initially these will be children who have relatives living here in the UK."

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Accountant among top six in country

Lisa Emery – 'impact'

A SOUTH Staffordshire accountant has been nationally recognised as one of the top six practitioners in the country, after delivering significant new business for her firm.

Lisa Emery, who works for the Walsall-based Baldwins accountancy group and is also a local councillor in Cheslyn Hay, has been shortlisted in the British Accountancy Awards for practitioner of the year, which is attended by more than 600 guests from practices all around the UK.

The news follows a successful 12 months for Lisa who has set up an auditing department that is being rolled out across the Baldwin group's offices around the Midlands and has been responsible for attracting 36 new clients, one of which manufactures products for furniture retailer DFS.

Lisa has run the firm's Ashby de la Zouch office for eight years. The creation of the audit department alone has also driven an 11 per cent increase in turnover at the Ashby office over the past 12 months.

She said: "Introducing this new auditing department is all about taking our business to the next level and competing with the national accountancy firms. It's been a fantastic year setting up this new department and seeing the impact it has had on the business, and being shortlisted in these awards has just topped it off. Winning really would be the icing on the cake for me personally."

The British Accountancy Awards take place on November 29 at The Brewery in London, when Lisa will go up against other five other accountants.

John Baldwin, director at Baldwins, added: "The new audit department was one of Lisa's ideas and we've been really impressed with its impact."

Bulldozers poised to flatten former college

THE bulldozers are poised to move in and demolish a former college before the end of the year after approval was given to make way for redevelopment.

Staffordshire County Council said in 2015 that it hoped to build family homes or bungalows on the site of the disused Aelfgar Centre in Rugeley.

Now, planning permission has been submitted to knock the building down along with nearby squash courts. The site includes land also owned by Cannock Chase Council. The submitted plans say the building has passed its 'serviceable life' and that demolition will begin later this year if plans are given the go-ahead.

A statement attached to the application says: "The buildings proposed for demolition have been deemed surplus to requirements and are largely beyond their serviceable life. The school buildings have been vacant as a school for many years, with guardians residing in part of the building. The condition of these buildings has severely deteriorated and they are no longer suitable for use by a school. The blocks would also pose a hazard to intruders due to unsafe first-floor structures.

Need

"Commencement of demolition will be during winter 2016 and completion is currently projected as early 2017."

The site has been earmarked to be developed into an assisted living complex for the elderly. Councillor Frank Allen, responsible for housing on Cannock Chase Council, said: "This is something that has been going on for a while and I am pleased to see it hasn't been put on the back burner.

"The site needs new life breathing into it and it has been a good few years now since it was used. As far as I am aware, it has been earmarked by the council as assisted living space but to me, any accommodation development on the site would be very much welcomed. Living space is something we desperately need.

"We are doing well to meet government rules in relation to building new housing, so even if it become regular housing, that would be good news. I am eager to see this operation move forward, and I hope the demolition plans are approved."

Family affair as micro-pub to open

Jamie Ward, Chris Jackson, Kevin Ward and Matt Ward from the Newhall micro-pub

THE first traders have opened at a new multi-million pound retail development in Cannock.

Swainy's barbers and Glam and Glow beauticians have welcomed their first customers while nine further traders including a micro-pub and a restaurant are set to join them over the coming weeks.

Entrepreneur Fred Pritchard has spent more than £2million renovating the former Riley's snooker club for the Newhall development.

While Mr Pritchard is confident the scheme will turn Newhall Street into a bustling area for trade the renovation also contains 10 two-bedroom first floor apartments.

He said: "This project will hopefully show the way in town centre regeneration of how to re-use and recycle existing empty buildings for good multi-uses bringing back vibrancy and vitality to the thriving community of Cannock Chase."

Among the additions will be a cafe, weight loss business, tanning salon, bath products retailer, a laser hair firm, book store and a beauty products shop. The Newhall Arms micro-pub will be the joint venture of the Ward family from Walsall, with father Kevin aged 53, and sons Matthew, 29, Jamie and Chris, both 27, set to man the pumps.

It will have eight cask ales, two ciders, four craft beers, as well as range of continental lagers.

It is anticipated the Newhall Arms will be one of the last businesses, to open early next month. A grand unveiling will take place when most of them are open.

Firefighter jobs facing the axe in £480k cuts

FIREFIGHTER roles will be lost across Stafford and Cannock as part of cuts to save £480,000.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Authority needs to make £4 million in savings by 2020, with staff costs making up 70 per cent of the authority's expenditure.

Plans to lose four firefighter positions in both Stafford and in Cannock by January 2018, leaving each area with a total crew of 24 – down from 28 – was being discussed at a meeting this week.

It is proposed that the posts will be lost through retirements rather than redundancies, and the plans come on the back of sweeping cuts last year that saw more than 40 posts axed as part of a bid to save £1.1m. The majority of cuts will affect the Newcastle area, where 20 firefighters will be lost by 2020 if plans are given the go ahead.

A report prepared for the meeting says: "The reductions identified take advantage of the retirement profile of the whole-time workforce and therefore will avoid the need for any redundancies.

"The changes in the whole-time crewing establishment will not affect the number of whole-time appliances available on a 24/7 basis.

"The number of whole-time appliances available will remain at 10 during day hours and eight at night."

Tim Hyde, director of response at Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, said it is '100 per cent committed' to the safety of residents and firefighters and is adamant the changes will not compromise that policy.

Long-serving firm is subject of talk

THE history of Firmins, the second oldest manufacturing company in the UK, is the subject of a talk in Cheslyn Hay.

Tony Kelly will address members of Cheslyn Hay & District Local History Society with his talk, entitled The Finishing Touches of the Button.

It takes place from 7.30pm next Thursday, October 27 at the Salem, High Street. Admission is £1 including refreshments.

Firmins were founded in 1692 and, among other things, made buttons for military units including the South Staffs Regiment.

Consultation over roads closure plan

SENIOR Cannock Chase District councillors will be asked to approve plans which could see stretches of roads shut off to prevent anti-social behaviour.

The authority's cabinet will be asked to send a proposal out for a month-long consultation on November 1, asking whether people support banning all vehicles along parts of Newlands Lane in Norton Canes, Reservoir Road in Hednesford, School Lane in Little Wyrley for three years.

Ensure flu jab given to youngsters, parents told

PARENTS of young children are being urged to get them vaccinated against flu as winter approaches.

Children who were aged two, three and four on or before August 31 will be eligible for a free flu vaccination and Stafford and Surrounds, Cannock Chase and South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula Clinical Commissioning Groups are urging parents and guardians to look out for a letter offering their child the opportunity.

Heather Johnstone, chief nurse at the CCGs, said: "Children aged two, three and four are more vulnerable and can be hit hard by flu. In addition, they spread infections easily.

"The vaccination is the best protection against what is an unpredictable virus. It can cause severe illness and can even be fatal in some cases. It's also vital that children get vaccinated every year. Just as the virus changes each year so does the vaccine – it will protect your child and those they come into contact with.

"We understand being a parent keeps people busy but this five-minute job is really important for the health of your child and your loved ones. It really isn't worth the risk."

Children in schools years one, two and, new for this year, three will be given the free nasal spray at school. And children with long-term health conditions up to the age of 17 are eligible to receive a free flu vaccination at their GP practice or local pharmacy.

Ayone that has not received a letrer can contract the child's school or GP practice.

Drama society set to hold auditions

OPEN auditions for Cannock Chase Drama Society's new production will be welcomed at an event today (Thursday).

They will be held at Longford Social Club in Cannock from 7.30pm in preparation for Cinderella.

The show will be performed at Cannock's Prince of Wales Centre from January 26 to 29.

The society's Jamie Jones said: "We are looking for new members aged 13 and over with the hope of recruiting them for productions. If you can sing, dance or act we heartily invite you to come along."

For more details contact Jamie Jones by emailing jamiejonesinfo@gmail.com or calling 07812 942 667.

Volunteers invited to work on Chase

VOLUNTEERS can help to restore more than 50 hectares of Cannock Chase heathland. Work parties will be held between 10am and 1pm on October 31, November 7, November 21 and December 6 and 19. Meet at the car park at the junction of Penkridge Bank Road and Marquis Drive.

Cheers for returning MP after op

Michael Fabricant – 'I'm now fine

MICHAEL Fabricant was cheered in the House of Commons as he revealed he was 'fine' after recently undergoing an operation on his prostate.

But the Lichfield MP demanded an apology from Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, who stunned the House by appearing to suggest Mr Fabricant had received favourable treatment from the NHS.

During Prime Minister's Questions, Tory MP Mr Fabricant asked Theresa May for assurances that the Government would address shortages of specialist prostate and neurology nurses.

He said: "Eighteen months ago my wonderful doctor, Helen Stokes-Lampard, suggested I have a general 'well man' check-up.

"And it's just as well that I did, because the blood test revealed that there could have been, and was, a problem with my prostate, despite the fact that I was symptom-free.

"I was immediately referred to the QE Hospital in Birmingham, who were simply wonderful, and after a period of surveillance, I had a prostatectomy back in June. But hey, I'm now fine." He was greeted with loud cheers from around the House, while Mrs May said she was happy to see him 'back in his usual position as his normal exuberant self'.

However, Mr Corbyn was booed moments later when he said: "I too join the Prime Minister in wishing the member for Lichfield well, and obviously hope the treatment he got is the same treatment everyone else got, because we want the same treatment for everyone in our society."

He was chastised by some Tories. He replied: "It's not controversial, I'm just wishing him well, OK?"

Police chief hits out at threat to axe CCTV

CANNOCK Chase's chief inspector, Geoff Knight, has said any proposal to scrap CCTV across the district would be a 'backwards step' in trying to prevent crime.

The district council has drawn up a list of options as it looks to save £1.6 million next year.

As part of the proposals, its CCTV would be stopped altogether to save £107,040, could be reduced to save £12,000 or Staffordshire Police might be asked to pay £18,000 but Mr Knight warned against getting rid of it in its entirety.

Geoff Knight

He said: "It is common sense that it would be very detrimental to the district if CCTV was stopped altogether.

"CCTV is a tool and tactic we use in solving in preventing a number of crimes such as thefts to motor vehicles, public order offences, assaults and anti-social behaviour at the lower end. If there is a problem outside a nightclub, for instance, we would use to see who was standing where and talking to who. If we lose it, it will be a backwards step."

However, the police chief is confident it will not come to that and despite the cuts the council has to make, CCTV will be preserved in some form.

He added: "There are lots of possibilities but I am fairly positive it is not going to be the case that it is stopped altogether.

"It may be a reduced service but I think we will still have a CCTV service in some form to solve and prevent crime.

"There have already been several conversations between ourselves and the local authority, which will continue.

"We are part of the consultation process as much as anyone."

Last week Cannock Chase Council's leader Councillor George Adamson warned that the authority was facing its 'most difficult position ever'. And any move to cut CCTV was last week criticised by a Cannock Chase district councillor. Labour councillor Maureen Freeman said she would be 'very disappointed' to see the cameras go after she worked for months to have them installed across Cannock after she was harassed by a man in the town in 2012.

Councillor Christine Mitchell, left, and Lynn Evans, community and education officer at Cannock Chase Council, in the park

New look on way for Tree Avenue

THE next phase of tree removal in Hednesford Park will see some of the over-mature poplar and sycamore trees in Tree Avenue being removed.

The 'essential management' scheme is part of work at the park following a Heritage Lottery Fund grant of £2.2 million in 2012.

Some of the trees will be pollarded and turned into 'living sculptures'. A consultation with schools will determine the type of images the wood carver will create.

The chippings will be reused in the park.

Councillor Christine Mitchell, portfolio leader for culture and sport at Cannock Chase Council, said: "Some of the trees in the avenue were planted to help the main avenue trees to become established, with a view to them being removed a long time ago. Unfortunately, this never happened, and the trees are now well past their best.

"The original design of the park was to have a complete tree avenue around the park including the Victoria Street side, and I am delighted that we have now completed that original design."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Burglary while owners at home

BURGLARS stole a laptop and television from a house in Cannock while the occupants were in the property.

The break-in happened in Cecil Street between midnight on Tuesday last week and 6.50am the following day.

Staffordshire Police confirmed that the residents were in at the time but did not say there had been any confrontation or harm caused to them.

A force spokesman said: "Offenders entered the property via unknown means before stealing a laptop computer and a 32-inch Bush TV set."

Company launches finance division

A CANNOCK company is supporting its customers' growth ambitions by making available tailored funding.

Briggs Equipment has set up a new asset finance division – BE Finance – to offer greater flexibility and make it easier for customers to obtain finance.

BE Finance can help businesses to finance production equipment and commercial vehicles.

Briggs Equipment's managing director Peter Jones said: "BE Finance is unique in our marketplace. It is purpose-designed to make it easier for businesses to grow."

Bus company wins top safety award

A BUS company in the West Midlands has won a top safety award.

National Express has been given the Sword of Honour – the highest safety award in the UK – by the British Safety Council.

The company's national coach division won the coveted Sword award last year.

The British Safety Council describes the Sword as 'the pinnacle of achievement in the world of health and safety management'.

Church's craft fair to feature stalls galore

ALMOST 30 stallholders have lined up to take part in a craft fair at St Peters Church Hall, Hednesford, next weekend.

The event on Saturday, October 29 runs from 10am until 1pm and will provide the chance to buy Christmas gifts at reasonable prices or just browse and have a cup of tea.

Organisers say that an appeal for stallholders to take part led to requests for 28 tables at the fair. Admission is free.

Jazz concerts at pub

LICHFIELD Jazz will present Tom Lindsay on November 16 and, to celebrate its first year, a Christmas party on December 21. The concerts will be staged at the George IV in Bore Street, Lichfield. Details of Lichfield Jazz gigs are at www.nickdewhurst.wordpress.com/jazz-at-the-george-iv/

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

MEMO to all those bad losers in the Commons complaining that MPs must be given a vote on Brexit. You've already cast your vote. You had it on June 23, just like the rest of us.

WHERE fat comes from. Fancying a snack on the motorway, I bought a BLT sandwich in a service station. The print on the wrapper boasted about the crisp lettuce and vine-ripened tomatoes. The small print revealed it contained 770 calories – equivalent to nearly three Mars Bars.

FOUR bearded Asian men were thrown off a flight from Manchester to Turkey after allegedly being disruptive and playing an audio track containing the repeated word "bomb." The key word here is "allegedly". Some Thomas Cook flight staff say it was some of the worst behaviour they had ever seen and upset some passengers. But the men, aged 18-23, only admit to being "a bit loud" and having "a laugh and a joke." And that's it – claim, counter-claim and accusations of racism chucked about. In the 21st century there should be not an ounce of doubt. How much would it cost to equip every airliner with CCTV? If police and prison officers wear body cameras, why not flight attendants? It's hardly rocket science to record the incident, transmit it to police at the arrival airport and have the magistrates waiting for when the "bit loud" passengers land. This way, gentlemen . . .

IN a matter of hours the internet can create a fad that would have taken months to organise in the old days. The latest is the scourge of "scary clowns," terrorising people all over Britain in the run-up to Halloween. Before that it was the ice-bucket challenge. Come to think of it, a bucketful of iced water on a chilly October evening might be the perfect way to deal with scary clowns.

IN their defence, at least the scary clowns are succeeding at being scary. This is in contrast to real clowns who repeatedly fail to be amusing. When did you last see a funny clown? How many nights at the circus are ruined when a succession of dazzlingly athletic and dangerous acts is suddenly interrupted by half-a-dozen linguistically-challenged and deeply unfunny old men with fake buckets of water and an exploding car?

REPORTS claim that the loss of two black contestants from Strictly has "prompted accusations of racism on social media," It is bizarre how that phrase "on social media" gives some sort of authenticity to a story. In this age of brainless instant communication with no qualifications required and anonymous Tweeters, we should try replacing the words "on social media" with "by a bunch of nobodies."

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Tips to charge for dumping rubbish

SOME tips are to charge for discarding certain types of waste.

Staffordshire County Council will bring in the fees from November 1 at household waste recycling centres including Cannock, Burntwood, Rugeley and Lichfield.

Under the changes, a big bag of soil or rubble will cost £3 to discard; plasterboard will cost £4 per sheet, or big bag; and tyres will cost £4 each.

Items such as mattresses and carpets can still be taken to tips for free. The move has been criticised by some councillors who say it will lead to an increase in fly-tipping.

Payment can be made at the recycling centres by debit or credit card, but not by cash, and standard 'rubble' bags, with a base measuring 76cm by 96cm, will also be available to buy. The council says this type of waste brought by the public is not classed as trade waste.

Councillor Gill Heath said: "Charging to cover the costs of disposing of such materials as soil, rubble, plasterboard and tyres will ensure that we continue to offer residents a convenient way to dispose of awkward and difficult waste.

"At the same time reducing the cost of recycling will allow us to focus on supporting the most vulnerable people in society and statutory services in Staffordshire."

Councillor Alan Dudson, who represents the Cannock area, said: "I think there is no doubt this is going to lead to increased fly-tipping.

"It is a difficult situation for the council because they are a victim of austerity measures from the Government, so it is a Catch-22 situation."

Payouts total £34k for potholes damage

By David Cosgrove

STAFFORDSHIRE County Council paid out more than £34,000 in one year as a result of pothole damage to vehicles.

The authority received 817 claims in 2015-16 and was forced to shell out £34,628 in compensation.

It was ranked the seventh worst council in the country, according to figures released by the RAC Foundation. The council's 2015-16 compensation payout was nearly double the £17,616 in the previous year.

Walsall received 61 claims and paid out £4,891; Sandwell 107 claims, paying out £10,862; Wolverhampton 67 – with compensation of £7,066; and Dudley 66 claims with a total paid out of £3,170.

The Government says it is investing more than ever to tackle the state of the country's roads – creating the first ever pothole fund.

This year the Black Country and Staffordshire will get £1.5 million to fill potholes.

Repaired

Councillor Gordon Alcott, deputy leader of Cannock Chase Council, has spoken out on the state of potholes across Staffordshire, and particularly on his patch, in the past.

He said: "These claims just go to show that we have more than our share of potholes in Staffordshire and Cannock Chase. I have taken this up with Staffordshire County Council in the past and have been assured that our potholes are being repaired at the same rate as other local councils and that each one which is reported is looked into."

Mark Deaville, cabinet member for transport and highways at Staffordshire County Council said: "We know that potholes are a concern to people and our highways crews make every effort to fix them as soon as possible.

"We do have a huge road network here in Staffordshire, with around 6,000 kilometres of roads, and crews fix around 20,000 potholes every year."

Rap fan shows off the X Factor

Young rap fan Bethany Tudor has attracted more than 500,000 hits for her Facebook tribute to Honey G

A YOUNG rap fan's take-off of X Factor favourite Honey G has become an internet sensation with more than half a million hits on Facebook.

Novelty act Honey G has divided audiences with her rap performances on the TV talent show but she has a number one fan in sound-alike Bethany Tudor from Penkridge. The 12-year-old was so inspired by the contestant's X Factor performance that she videoed herself singing the same song in her bedroom and loaded it on to social media. In less than three days, the footage received more than 625,000 hits.

"It's gone viral," said her grandmother, 69-year-old Brenda Tudor. "I've watched it, and I can't understand what she's saying, but I think it's brilliant." The Year 8 pupil, whose better-known music heroes include Adele and Justin Bieber, is unfazed by her new-found fame. "She's taking it all in her stride," said her gran. "It's her mum that's excited. A lot of people have been getting in touch.

"Her brother Sean's had calls from some of his old university mates but it's all been because of Beth's Facebook song. It's amazing what's happened."

Honey G's X Factor journey from audition to live shows has not been without controversy. The aspiring rap superstar, although loved by many viewers, also has her critics who have been quick to post their views on social media.

Bethany, who attends Penkridge Middle School, dressed up gangster-style in a baseball hat, sunglasses and bomber jacket to make the video – just like Honey G.

Keep an eye on overtime spending, force urged

STAFFORDSHIRE Police have been told to 'keep an eye' on overtime spending after going £1.4 million past budget last year.

A £1.429m net overspend on staffing attributed to higher than anticipated levels of overtime, agency staff numbers, pension and redundancy costs.

Frank Chapman, Staffordshire Police and Crime Panel chairman, said spending extra on overtime was 'inevitable' due to the nature of the job but urged chiefs to keep an eye on their overspend in order to ensure they can recruit new officers.

He said: "It is in the nature of the job that police officers will be asked to do overtime. The figures aren't huge but to me it is something that Staffordshire Police needs to keep an eye on because this money can always be spent elsewhere."

During a meeting of police chiefs last week force spokesman George Bailey said the overspend was offset by an underspend by the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner.

He said: "This resulted in an overall underspend for the entire budget of £158,000 for the financial year 2015/16.

"Staffordshire Police continues to progress through a period of transformation, where the objective is to provide improved services in the most effective and efficient ways.

"There is a projected £6.7 million budget gap by 2019/2020 and the draft budget will be formalised in February 2017."

Two in court on robbery charges

TWO people have appeared in court in connection with a series of violent robberies where necklaces were snatched from women.

Six victims were allegedly targeted within hours of each other on September 29 – three in Walsall, one in Norton Canes, one in Burntwood and one in Lichfield.

Joshua Bluck, aged 24, from Walsall, and a 17-year-old male, who cannot be named for legal reasons, of no fixed address, are charged with six counts of robbery each.

Both of the defendants have appeared before magistrates and were committed to Wolverhampton Crown Court on October 28.

Bluck is on bail and the youth has been kept in custody. No pleas were entered.

Brewery to stage its own Oktoberfest event

A STAFFORDSHIRE brewery is hosting its own Oktoberfest event.

The Bierkeller Schunklers Bavarian oompah band will be providing the music for the beer festival at Slater's brewery in St Albans Road, Stafford, tomorrow (Friday) from 7pm to 11pm.

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'Cut-off' bus passengers in Commons spotlight

THE plight of 'completely cut-off' bus passengers in the Cannock Chase district has been raised in Parliament.

Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling told the Commons: "In July, I supported Arriva's Catch the Bus week.

"Only a matter of weeks later, Arriva announced that it was axing services, including the No 3 bus to Norton Canes, leaving elderly residents who are reliant on that service completely cut-off and unable to catch a bus. May we have a debate in government time about the importance of bus services to the health and wellbeing of elderly residents?"

The Leader of the Commons, David Lidington, replied: "The Government want a diverse mix of public transport provision – bus and rail services, and other kinds – and I am sure that if she wants to put her case in detail to my Right Hon Friend the Secretary of State for Transport, he and his team will look carefully at the concerns that she expresses."

Ms Milling said afterwards: "I was keen to raise the plight of these bus users in Parliament as it is unacceptable that people who rely on these services find themselves totally isolated and unable to get to work, to the shops or doctors' appointments.

"I will be pressing Arriva to return this vital service and I am meeting representatives from Arriva to again make the case for local residents.

"I have also contacted other local bus companies to see if anyone else is in a position to provide a vital bus link for local residents."

New scanners 'more accurate'

NEW scanners designed to improve the speed and accuracy in diagnosing women at risk of cervical cancer have been introduced at County Hospital and Royal Stoke University Hospital.

The University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust has adopted the diagnostic system, called ZedScan, at the gynaecology departments at both hospitals. The portable device is said to offer a more accurate diagnosis for women who are at risk of cervical cancer, by measuring and detecting tissue changes in women identified with an abnormal smear test.

It offers real-time and more accurate detection of pre-cancerous cells than standard colposcopy enabling clinicians to make better informed decisions at a patient's first visit.

Vintage vehicles at wedding fair

A WEDDING fair is being held at The Waterfront, Barton Marina, on Sunday from midday until 4pm.

There will be a vintage car and classic tractor rally near the marina entrance, and a variety of craft stalls.

Help protect 'incredibly special place'

Cannock Chase

IDEAS on how to manage Cannock Chase will be 'hugely valuable' in shaping its future, a wildlife charity says.

People are being invited to have their say on the best ways to look after the beauty spot.

Michael Copleston from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) said: "Cannock Chase is an incredibly special place for nature and people, and we are really pleased to hear from local residents and the wider communities that use and live in and around the Chase. There is no doubt the landscape inspires thousands of visitors with its combination of open landscapes with beautiful heaths and woodlands that in turn support an array of important wildlife such as the majestic nightjar and secretive adder.

"These online opportunities to contribute will be hugely valuable in helping us all to find the best solutions to managing these precious places."

A combination of options for managing the land could be considered including cutting and baling heather, thinning scrub and trees, controlled burning of mature heather to reinvigorate it, spraying chemicals or grazing.

The project is being funded by Staffordshire County Council, Natural England and the RSPB.

Councillor Gill Heath, cabinet member for communities and the environment at the county council, said: "People who know Cannock Chase will know what a truly magnificent place it really is."

Visit www.managingcannockchase.co.uk for details about the project

Laser scanning reveals secrets of the Chase

GREAT War practice trenches, evidence of prehistoric enclosures and medieval mining pits are among the archaeological remains revealed on Cannock Chase in a new project.

Staffordshire County Council, in partnership with Historic England, is exploring the landscape as part of the Chase Through Time project.

A detailed ground surface model of the area was produced using Lidar laser scanning technology from hundreds of metres in the air.

Now, the images are being analysed by specialists, and show a host of previously unrecognised archaeological features.

The images show what appears to be an extensive Great War practice trench system larger than what was previously thought to be there, as well as signs of medieval mining pits and possible Tudor roads.

Explored

And close to Wolsley Bridge is a circular 'bank and ditch' which could be the remnant of a small prehistoric farmstead.

These will now be explored from the ground in the coming months, assisted by volunteers, to confirm and better understand what they are.

Gill Heath, Staffordshire County Council's cabinet lead for the environment, said: "This is a fascinating project that will tell us much more about the Chase's past, and we're pretty excited about the initial findings. We're now seeing evidence for things on the Chase we never realised were there before. It's a brilliant step towards protecting the Chase's natural splendour."

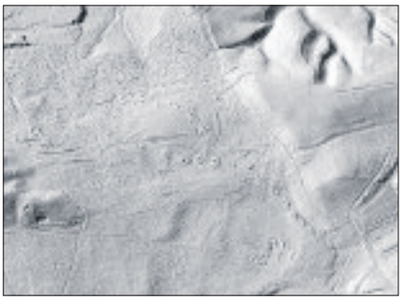
The project received a grant of £96,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund in April and will culminate in a touring exhibition, mobile app and other interpretive material.

Working with colleagues and living historians, a commemorative event to mark the centenary in 2017 of the Battle of Messines is also planned – a battle to which Cannock Chase was closely linked.

Helen Winton, aerial investigation and mapping manager at Historic England, said: "The quality of the Lidar data is excellent and confirms the extent and preservation of archaeological remains hidden beneath scrub and trees. The sheer scale of the First World War camps are particularly impressive. We can't wait to get started examining the details and out on the ground with the volunteers to explore this important landscape."

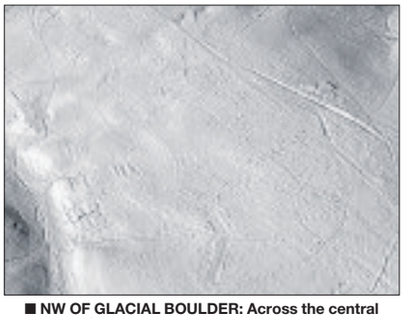
Vanessa Harbar, head of Heritage Lottery Fund West Midlands, said: "This project highlights how far-reaching the impact of the First World War was, touching and shaping every corner of the UK and beyond."

Anyone interested in taking part in the project, with any stories of the effect Cannock Chase has had on their family, or would like to share any old photographs, can contact the project coordinator by emailing gary.ball@staffordshire.gov.uk



■ BRERETON PARK WOOD: The 'pimple-like' mounds in the centre of this image are the result of medieval and post-medieval mining for coal near Castle Ring

■ NEAR HAYWOOD WARREN: In the top right quadrant of this image it is possible to see a small rectangular enclosure from an unknown date



■ NW OF GLACIAL BOULDER: Across the central portion lie Great War hut bases and the camp railway. Bottom left is the zig-zag pattern of trenches

■ ROUND HILL: In the centre of this image on the hill can be seen a possible area of quarrying and a roughly circular enclosure

NEWS IN BRIEF

Burglars make off with iPads

THIEVES broke into a Chasetown special school and stole iPads.

The raiders forced their way into Chasetown Community School, in Church Street, at about 2am last Wednesday by smashing a window. They ran off with a charging unit and an unknown number of the devices.

Headteacher Linda James said: "All of the staff were shocked and disappointed when we found out what had happened." Anyone with information about the raid should call Staffordshire police on 101 and quote incident number 36 of October 12.

Murder Mystery back by demand

CANALSIDE Farm near Rugeley is to repeat its Murder Mystery event as a result of feedback from customers.

The first event at the farm's cafe in June attracted so many people that the venue drew up a waiting list.

Its owner Chris Barton said: "We were both shocked and delighted by the response, especially as it was only the second evening event that we had ever done." Stafford Players, who usually perform in the Malcolm Edwards Theatre – the MET – at The Gatehouse in Stafford, will be presenting the event once again.

Chief constable is set for retirement

STAFFORDSHIRE Police Chief Constable Jane Sawyers has announced her intention to retire next summer.

Ch Con Sawyers has spent more than 32 years with the force and will support Police & Crime Commissioner Mathew Ellis is appointing a successor.

"I am extremely honoured to hold this role. This has not been an easy decision to make but I remain 100 per cent committed to the work of Staffordshire Police," she said.

Wine festival moves to a larger venue

THE Wolseley Wine Loft at Wolseley Bridge has moved its Winter Wine Festival to a bigger venue – Sandon Hall on the A51 near Stone.

More than 50 different wines will be showcased in the hall's reception rooms at the event on Saturday.

Last year's festival took place at Bishton Hall.

Wolseley Wine Loft proprietor Brenda Rhodes said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for wine lovers to sample a good cross-section of wines."

Dimmingsdale outing

CHASE Ramblers will be going on an eight-mile moderate walk from Dimmingsdale this Sunday. Walkers should meet as usual at Hednesford railway station car park, in Anglesey Street, for a 9am prompt departure. For details contact Rob on 07954 170369. New walkers are welcome.

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

Tax claims on health company sicken me

THE chances are that when you visit your GP, you do not give too much thought to the nationality of the company which runs the practice, still less its tax affairs. As long as the doctor makes you better, the admin side is not your concern.

Even so, it must surely come as a bit of a surprise to the thousands of Black Country patients who this week discovered thanks to some excellent investigative reporting from the BBC's health correspondent Michele Paduano that Malling Health, which runs surgeries in Dudley, Sandwell and Wolverhampton, is owned by a parent company in the Bahamas.

Even more controversial is the revelation that the NHS contractor has been using taxpayers' money to pay 20 per cent interest on a loan from the said parent company in the sun-kissed tax haven. As a general rule, I think people are too keen to get on their high-horse about tax avoidance. Most of us pay as little tax as possible, given the chance. It is why we take out Isas and ask our financial advisors about 'tax efficient' investments.

However, at a time when we are constantly told how NHS resources are under pressure, can it really be right that doctors' surgeries are sending NHS money abroad? If they really need to borrow money, which I suspect they don't, their high-street bank will loan it at a fifth of that rate. GP services are supposed to be about caring for patients, not playing city whizzkids.

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WITHIN hours of claiming the weak pound was forcing it to increase the price of Marmite, the Unilever conglomerate backed down under pressure from Tesco.

Given that Marmite is made from a yeast by-product of breweries in Staffordshire, it is hard to see how currency fluctuations had much of an impact. The words 'opportunistic' and 'profiteering' spring to mind.

The big supermarkets often get a bad press. But Tesco deserves praise for standing up for the consumer.

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FOR what it's worth – and I concede that is probably not a great deal – here is my prediction of what will happen when Staffordshire Council introduces its pay-as-you-go charging regime for people using the public tips next month.

Within a few weeks, shifty-looking characters will start sticking photocopied leaflets through people's door, offering a doorstep waste-disposal at half the price quoted by Staffordshire Council. People will use this service rather than the official one, and then one night the unofficial waste disposal operators will drive their pick-up to a local beauty spot and empty its contents. The council will then have to clean the site up, at the taxpayers' expense. And everyone's a loser, except the shysters with the pick-up truck.

White Out Staffordshire Moorlands by Margaret Jarvis

The Iron Bridge by Anthony Clemson

Carol Widenbar with her Rhinoceros sculpture

It's a change of art as group hits 100

Exhibition is back by popular demand and for the first time with a theme – metamorphosis, as reporter CARL JACKSON explains

DOZENS of artworks have gone on display in Wolverhampton including an exhibition dedicated to change.

Wolverhampton Society of Artists has held one show once every 12 months throughout its 100 years but it is returning to the art gallery on Lichfield Street for the second time in 2016 by popular demand, such was the success of the first display.

Seventy pieces are on show and will be available to view until November 13.

As well as the usual array of different works from members, the group has taken the opportunity to hold its first themed exhibition which is inspired by metamorphosis – the process of dramatic change or transformation.

The idea was the brainchild of the society's resident professional snapper Chris Manley.

Digital

Society member Carol Widenbar said: "We have one section on metamorphosis alongside the usual collection of works from members. It is a new idea this year to have a theme.

"There are one or two digital artworks for the first time. Although we are an old and established society we are trying to get ourselves into the 21st century.

"So our professional photographer Chris had the idea that because this was the first time we were embracing the digital form and the first time we were having a theme, that it should be around the reflection of change which or course is metamorphosis.

"The digital artworks are all original which have involved a computer in some way. We have not accepted photographs as that exists as another form."

The works were all submitted anonymously. Among those to look out for includes Ms Widenber's ceramic rhinoceros which she said was an 'experiment that turned out to be quite cute'.

Another work sure to catch the eye is Sarah Stokes' Through the Looking Glass which uses oil on glass to depict an eye. Visitors should also look out for Julia Timmins' Guineafowl wood carving.

Plenty to see at Wolverhampton Society of Artists exhibition and, inset, The Third Stage: Wren's Nest Escarpment by Margaret Jarvis

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Street scarecrows are headline news

These characters in the Bridgtown scarecrow and knitting festival attracted the attention of Elsie Rose, 10

The hippie scarecrow at Little Buds Florist is far out for Harry Brown

Lilly Brown, aged eight, has some work to do for the Superior Ironing shop scarecrow

Keeley Gage, aged nine, meets a new customer outside Preece newsagents during the scarecrow festival

A NEW type of resident arrived in Cannock as part of its first scarecrow and knitting festival.

Pupils at Bridgtown Primary School, the Bethel Methodist Church and local businesses all took part in the spectacular. Scarecrows carrying out different tasks took up residence in North Street.

A hippie scarecrow and another reading a newspaper outside a newsagents were two of the creations.

Age UK in Cannock also put together its own character, who was carried around in a wheelchair. The school's headteacher Jo Raybould said she was inspired to set up the festival after seeing how knitting and scarecrows could transform a community.

"I went to a village in Devon on my holiday and the whole village was just full of knitting," Mrs Raybould said.

"I thought 'Why not put Bridgtown on the map?' We went from there. We decided we would do a scarecrow and knitting festival."

Key Stage 1 pupils at Bridgtown Primary got busy making pom poms, while Key Stage 2 pupils helped create bunting, using wool and specially bought knitting needles, which have also been on display.

Mrs Raybould added: "It's involved everyone – the church, all the businesses on North Street have done scarecrows.

"It's really to make our children part of the community. It's an absolutely lovely community feeling.

"We will be doing it again – but we'll probably give it a rest next year."

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Movember will help to save lives

NOVEMBER 1 marks the start of the fundraising month for this year's Movember campaign – and we're keen to get people to Shave the Date.

On average in the UK, men die four years younger than women? And for reasons that are largely preventable. We want to stop men dying too young.

The three cause areas for Movember are prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and suicide prevention.

This year, there are three ways to get involved:

Grow – the moustache is the Movember Foundation's ribbon for men's health. Use it to raise funds and stop men dying too young.

Move – raise funds for men's health while you do something good for your own health.

Host – organise or go to a Movember event; any excuse for a good time!

Movember events will be taking place across the UK.

DANI MCCARTHY
Movember Foundation

Is this a smokescreen for a snap election?

SOME of the content in Theresa May's speech confirming her commitment to a fairer Britain at the Tory Party conference sounded similar to the policies on inequality held by Corbyn and the hard left – which were deemed to be dangerous by the Tories, Blairites and the right wing press.

Could it be that the Tories now see Corbyn as a threat and are abandoning their arbitrary austerity programme, in the hope the electorate will perceive them as a party that is determined to create a united and fairer society? Or is it a smokescreen and a piece of electoral cosmetics in preparation for a snap general election?

If the latter is true, I believe it will be a very risky exercise for them to embark on. For over six years the Tories have claimed that stringent monetary policy is the only way to reduce government borrowing. But it can clearly be seen that it has not worked, and if they were to make an election promise to introduce a Keynesian alternative economic plan to reduce the deficit, it may leave them open to criticism that they are stealing ideas from the left, and the cuts inflicted on ordinary people have all been for nothing.

Everything depends on what the Labour Party does next. If the division continues the Tories will strike quickly, but in the event of Labour uniting, the battle ahead will be an interesting hard fought one.

COUNCILLOR PAUL WITTON
Cannock South ward

Important questions need to be answered

MAY heaven forgive those in Penkridge for significantly adding to the existing 850 million chickens suffering so dreadfully every year during their 42-day existence.

Around 40,000 are crammed together in a foul-smelling windowless shed, and culminating in a completely unacceptable ending to their wretched lives.

Antibiotics are routinely added to their food in an attempt to combat infections, yet resulting in the real possibility of creating totally antibiotic-resistant bacteria – the so-called superbugs.

In favourable conditions, these bacilli multiply by logarithmic progression (100 becoming 200, then 400 and so on every 20-30 minutes); add to this the potential of the dreaded avian viruses making an appearance, and I ask of the all-powerful decision makers: at what price if due process is followed?

J B
Hednesford

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Site would suit everyone

I HAVE read that Cannock Council have opted not to continue with the Bleak House cemetery due to a £300,000 deficit because of budget cuts. Isn't it amazing that some of these same councillors have spent over £200,000 to find out if a piece of land a mile or so down the road is suitable or unsuitable to purchase for extending St James graveyard? The site at Bleak house would suit all communities.

GEOFF ALLEN
Norton Canes

Were you part of the steel strike?

THE 1980 national steelworkers strike was at the time the biggest industrial dispute in post-war British history.

It was the first major, national dispute involving Margaret Thatcher's government and the trade union movement in this country, and one that marked a turning point in the history of the steel industry in Britain.

I am currently running an oral history project that is collecting testimonies from workers who were involved in that strike.

If you were involved in the strike and are interested in contributing to this project, or want to find out more about it, please contact Dr Charlie McGuire, Senior Lecturer in History, Teesside University, Middlesbrough, TS1 3BA.

You can call me on 01522 529327 or 07826 255555, or email me at c.mcguire@tees.ac.uk

CHARLIE MCGUIRE
Teesside University

Nominate someone who really inspires

THE National Autistic Society is looking for local people and organisations who are making a difference to the lives of autistic people and their families.

We want to share their stories so we can increase public understanding of autism and inspire others to improve their own practice.

Perhaps it's a teaching assistant who has helped a child to achieve something great, or a business that has made adjustments for autistic employees.

If any readers know of an inspirational individual or organisation, please nominate them for the Autism Professionals Awards 2017 at www.autismprofessionalsawards.org.uk/

CAROL POVEY
Director, NAS Centre for Autism

Hoping for response on traffic-calming petition

TO the residents local to Thornhill Road and View Street, Hednesford.

I would like to give many thanks to all the people who supported our petition for traffic calming in our area. We collected over 300 signatures.

I have been in contact with Amanda Milling MP, local police and Staffordshire County Council who have all listened with interest and a measure of concern.

So the matter is now out of our hands but we sincerely hope that eventually we will get a positive response before there is a serious incident.

TREVOR WILSON
Hednesford

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Friends could bag cash to improve hill outlook

A COMMUNITY group is shopping for votes as it looks to win cash towards its management work.

Tesco's Bags of Help scheme offers groups money to manage areas of land – and the Friends of Etchinghill could be one of the recipients.

The group was formed five years ago after a community litter pick. Having tidied the area, helped with the maintenance of the hill and welcomed speakers on environmental issues the group now plans to work with the trustees to restore the views by thinning and managing the trees and enabling the return of greater biodiversity on the hill.

This has been a longstanding request from local residents and group members, but has been held up by a lack of funding.

Management

But every little helps, they say, and Tesco's scheme could see the plan come to fruition. Funding comes from the plastic bags sold by the supermarket chain and the Friends have been selected to participate. They will be working closely with the trustees who have overall responsibility for the management of the hill and also with their advisers such as ecologists.

Each time a bag is purchased from the Rugeley store from October 31 to November 13, a token will be offered to put in a box. This can be used to vote for the Friends of Etchinghill Openview project.

A group spokesman said: "With your help we may be able to increase the biodiversity on the hill and restore the spectacular views that have historically been visible from the mount. Please vote for us as this is an opportunity to obtain much needed funds to make a lasting difference to the hill."

The view towards the hill as it looks today

Etching Hill in 1974 with its unspoilt, open vista

Take care call on e-cigs

TRADING standards officers are warning of the dangers of e-cigarettes.

It comes after a rise in the number of people being treated for burns caused by exploding e-cigarette batteries.

Staffordshire's trading standards team say people should only buy e-cigarette products from reputable retailers and should check for the CE safety mark. They are also advised to check the packaging is complete and question the price if it is less than similar products. Dangerous e-cigarette batteries may have been illegally imported or are counterfeit.

Staffordshire County Council's communities leader Gill Heath said: "We would urge people to ensure they are buying the genuine article from legitimate retailers. The best advice would be if you're not sure, don't buy or don't use it.

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Hearts are touched by guest's tale

Ladies Probus Club

CANNOCK Chase Ladies Probus Club chairman Eileen Cryer gave a special welcome at the September luncheon at the Barns restaurant to two new members, Diane Bennett and Ann Emberton, who were then inducted into the club.

Mrs Cryer also welcomed five guests as prospective new members, Jackie Shepherd, Linda Sanders, Madeline Richards, Jackie Goodacre and Lynn Moseley. Gwen Ayres was welcomed back to the club.

Valerie Glynn said Grace after which the ladies enjoyed their luncheon. After the Loyal Toast a short business meeting was held.

Mrs Cryer then introduced Barry Picken, guest speaker, who gave a most interesting talk entitled Red Flowers and a Bag of Old Bones. He had carefully researched the origins of the wearing of poppies in remembrance of those who were killed during the First World War. He also told how the tomb of the Unknown Warrior had been placed in Westminster Abbey. This story, told with such feeling, painted a picture in words which kept every lady in the room enthralled.

Mrs Preece gave the vote of thanks to Mr Picken and told him the story had 'touched her heart' and was sure it had moved many ladies. Mrs Cryer brought the afternoon to a close.

The club meets on the last Thursday of each month at the Barns. Membership enquiries can be made to secretary Norma Hutchinson on 01543 505183.

Craft skills flagged up for village festival

Graffiti knitters Ann Sutton, Bobby Morrell, Gill Winter, Gloria Knight, June Bould

Rotary Club of Cannock

THE Rotary Club of Cannock has contributed to the Bridgtown Primary School Scarecrow & Knitting Festival by knitting more than 450 flags to form bunting which has been hung on the railings around the school.

The school has been decorated with 'graffiti knitting' from many other local people and organisations alongside that provided by Rotary to support the festival, held from October 10 to 13.

Also on display around the school were scarecrows, flowers and many other objects all formed from 'graffiti knitting'.

Many shops and business in Bridgtown decorated their windows in support of the first ever knitting festival held in the village. The Rotary Club has supported the school for more than 10 years with a group of volunteers who provide weekly additional reading classes to pupils in Years 2 and 5.

During this time the club has also made donations to provide new books together with introducing the school to The Rotary 'Books 4 home 'project who donate pre-used books for children at the school to choose a book of their own to take home read and keep forever.

Ladies test table tennis skills

Cannock TG

THERE was one new member at the September meeting and Marilyn Griffiths has now joined the committee and will be the press officer.

Speaker David Gethin gave a talk/slide show on the background to the memorial windows at St Luke's Church, Cannock, dedicated to the soldiers who served and died in the First World War. This was an enlightening and enjoyable evening. Diana Beasley gave the vote of thanks.

An afternoon was spent by members at Diana's home recapturing their table tennis skills which was amusing and very enjoyable. Guild meetings are held at St Luke's Primary School, New Penkridge Road, Cannock on the third Tuesday of every month except August.

New members and visitors are welcome at £2 per meeting, up to three meetings. For details ring 01543 506347.

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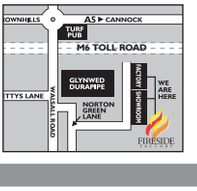

‘Changes are needed’ to ensure wildlife survival

Stag is a stunning sight

Bellowing beast – the magnificent stag as photographed at Chasewater by Tony Dunn

THEY have become a common sight at Chasewater, delighting visitors and attracting photographers.

But authorities are warning people about the dangers of deer at the beauty spot, particularly the large stag, now entering the mating season known as The Rut.

They can leap out into the road, posing a hazard for passing drivers.

Photographer Tony Dunn took this picture during an early morning walk at Chasewater. He said: “I could hear the stag bellowing.” He added: “It didn’t take long to find the location – after a 20-minute walk he was walking through a wooded section at back of Burntwood Rugby Club.”

● Staffordshire County Council has an ongoing campaign to remind drivers about the potential dangers of deer leaping out into the road.

Last year there were 167 deer-related collisions in the area. October to December is the high-risk period.

CHANGES need to be made to ensure the survival of wildlife in Staffordshire, according to a new report.

The State of Staffordshire’s Nature report, led by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust and Staffordshire Ecological Record, acts as a stock take of species and habitats found across the county.

It brings together data and expertise from dozens of individuals and organisations, providing an update on how wildlife is faring across the county in the hope that action will be taken to improve conditions.

The publication reveals farmland, moorland, woodland, lowland heathland, grassland, fresh water, wetland and urban species are all under threat in the county.

Worrying statistics from the report state that many species are declining, including water vole, hazel dormouse and a number of invertebrate species.

Suffered

Julian Woolford, chief executive at Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, said: “Across the UK, there has been increasing demands on the natural environment which has led to a significant decline in biodiversity.

“Staffordshire has proved no exception and has suffered losses of habitats and species through increasing pressures including changes in land use and pollution.”

“Without collective action, though, we will continue to see the loss of our wildlife rich habitats and the decline of species. This report serves as a reminder to us all that nature needs our help and we can all do our bit to save it.

All seven of Staffordshire’s priority butterfly species are decreasing in either abundance or distribution.

Meanwhile, 32 per cent of Staffordshire’s geological and nature conservation SSSIs (Sites of Special Scientific Interest) are in a favourable condition. Five per cent of Staffordshire’s waterbodies are classified as being in good overall status with 46 per cent classed as either poor or bad overall.

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Festive walk to support youngsters

A FESTIVE walk across Cannock Chase is to be held to help support disabled children.

Newlife's Reindeer Ramble on December 10 is a three-kilometre route, setting off from the Marquis Drive visitor centre at 11am.

The event – organised by Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children – costs £10 per adult and £5 per child to enter, and dogs are free.

For more information, call Becky on 01543 431 442 or email rbrooks@newlifecharity.co.uk

Hospice tribute to founding member

A STAFFORDSHIRE charity has paid tribute to a former military man who died this year aged 94.

Lt Col Edward 'Fairy' Gopsill was a highly decorated soldier but for those involved with St Giles Hospice it will be his tireless work with the charity for which he will be most remembered.

A founding member of the hospice, he chaired the general purposes committee and helped to raise the money needed for its construction. He then joined the hospice's first trustee board, leading to a relationship over three decades between Fairy, his wife Sue and the charity.

In the early years, while Fairy was serving on the board, Sue supported patients as one of the first volunteer domestics. Later they worked together volunteering for the Friday night washing-up shift, which they did for nearly 20 years until Fairy was 90. Sue said: "At the St Giles 30th anniversary service in Lichfield Cathedral, part of which celebrated the work of all the volunteers, he was proud to carry the marigold gloves in the procession!"

Fairy spent 27 years as a soldier, serving as one of the original parachute volunteers – where he earned his nickname for his less-than-elegant falling in practice – and then with the Gurkha Rifles during and after the Second World War.

Emma Hodges, the charity's chief executive, said: "Fairy played such an important role in helping turn the visions for St Giles Hospice into a reality."

Lt Col Edward 'Fairy' Gopsill – important role

Traffic fears as level crossing set to close

A LEVEL crossing is set to close as part of the Chase Line upgrade scheme, prompting concerns about traffic issues.

The 15-mile line between Walsall and Rugeley Trent Valley will be electrified to provide a cleaner and more regular service for passengers using the route.

But residents fear that closing the Bloxwich crossing will lead to increased traffic in residential areas.

Work is expected to start in the spring, with completion anticipated the following winter.

Network Rail and Walsall Council are currently working on a plan to address the expected impact a closure would have on nearby roads.

Matt Brown, project manager for Network Rail, said: "This project is key to modernising the railway through the area and providing passengers with a more reliable, better railway.

"We understand that in delivering this project some members of the local community will be impacted by the closure of the level crossing."

The level crossing currently causes trains to slow down to 20mph.

Councillor Lee Jeavons, deputy leader of Walsall Council, said: "I welcome feedback from the people of Walsall on the plans to electrify the Chase Line.

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Neal's in the frame with a new calendar

Wild at heart – Neal McIntosh with his images from his 2017 calendar

FROM guilty looking squirrels to butterflies brimming with a colour – a wildlife photographer is getting ready to release his second calendar.

Neal McIntosh picked up a camera in pursuit of a new hobby less than two years ago but now he has produced a second calendar of shots due to popular demand from those who grabbed hold of his first one.

The 51-year-old from Stafford has made a habit of pitching up at Radford Bank and Cannock Chase ready to capture nature unfold before his watching lens, using his trust secondhand camera which he picked up for £100.

He soon began to catch the eye of Staffordshire Wildlife Trust who started sharing his pictures to their 9,000-strong army of followers on Twitter.

One of Neal's best shots, featuring three fallow bucks perfectly captured glaring back at him, was picked up in the Mail on Sunday's annual photograph competition, which he has re-entered this year.

After making a bit of a name for himself he took a gamble and produced his own calendar last year which was snapped up by more than 40 people.

Now he is at it again, and has vowed to send a 16 by 16 inch print of his now-signature buck shot to a random purchaser if he manages to shift 100 copies.

Neal said: "Doing the second was a combination of the positive reaction I got from the first one and me wanting to do it.

"There is a bit more humour in the photographs this time but as always I just try and capture nature as it is, which is when it is at its best.

"A lot of people have started to say now that they recognise my style which is brilliant.

"I think the overall quality of this calendar is far better than the first one simply because I have been able to spend more time on it."

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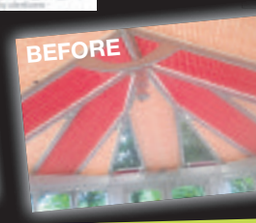

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Setting out stall for town's market return

PUBLIC support for the return of markets in Hednesford has led to a series of artisan events being planned around key dates in the town, starting early next year.

Residents and traders have long championed the idea of bringing stalls back to Market Street, as a way of attracting new shoppers and to provide a boost to the town's economy.

So far, dates have been set for four markets, set around key events on the Hednesford calendar.

They will be themed, and offer produce from around the locality, from fresh seasonal farmers' goods to unique arts and crafts, along with street food and some speciality goods.

Important

Councillor Paul Woodhead, who represents Hednesford South on Cannock Chase District Council, and is vice chairman of the Hednesford in Partnership group, said he believes the market is an important step forward for the community, following from the retail developments on Victoria Street and the re-invigoration of the park in partnership with the Heritage Lottery Fund.

"The artisan market will build on the vitality which is returning to the town," he said.

"Part of the vision is to attract visitors and residents alike, and establishing these seasonal events will bring a welcome boost to the local economy," Councillor Woodhead added.

"This is something that our entire community has been seeking for quite some time, and we hope that everyone will put these dates in their diaries and come along, helping to make the markets a success, and a fixture in the town for many years to come."

The market is planned to link to four key dates through the year – Valentine's Day, with an event on Saturday, February 11, Staffordshire Day, with stalls on Saturday, April 29, the Summer Festival on Saturday, August 12 and the 2017 Christmas light switch-on, with a market the following day, on Saturday, December 2.

Market stalls are set to return to Market Street in Hednesford

Russell Dean, operations manager of Sketts, who will organise the markets, believes the town will be an ideal location for them.

"There's a great community spirit in the area and with the backing of the local groups I am sure each event will be successful and a benefit to the whole town," he said. Stef Cunningham, who runs the Kitchen Cupboard in Market Street, and is chairman of the Hednesford Traders Association, said she and her members welcomed the market plans.

"This is just the addition we need for our town," she said.

"And I am sure it will bring a buzz to Market Street for the benefit of shoppers and traders, as well as bringing more visitors from the town and further afield in to our community."

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Market in special day to help needy

Jacki Watkins gets in the mood for the Halloween day at Penkridge Market next weekend

OWNERS of Penkridge Market are encouraging their customers and stallholders to give a treat to those in need this Halloween. They are asking people to share their treats by bringing in canned and other non-perishable food items on Saturday, October 29 when the food will be donated to the House of Bread food bank in Stafford.

Market manager Matt Williams said: "We are always looking for ways in which we can help local charities, and this seemed like a great cause. Donations to the food bank can be made in advance or can be brought along on the day to the House of Bread stall which will be situated in the undercover area of the market.

"We will also give a treat to those kind enough to bring a donation along to the stall on the day."

The market will also be celebrating Halloween – and looking 'spectacularly spooky' on the same day, with the traders in fancy dress and the stalls decorated.

Mr Williams added: "We love to get the traders involved in things like Halloween, as it gives the market a great atmosphere and makes it more fun for the children.

"If any customers would like to dress up in fancy dress too, that would be great, as it all adds to the fun."

Hospital bosses fear a winter beds crisis

BOSSES at the trust which manages Stafford's County Hospital fear they will not be able to provide enough beds over the winter.

Discussing the winter plan at a University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust meeting, bosses said there was a 'significant underperformance' against local and national targets in relation to patient flow last year.

By Jordan Harris

And they shared their concerns that this may happen again this year.

Speaking at the meeting, Vivek Khashu, deputy chief operating officer with the trust, said: "Winter 15-16 placed extreme pressures on UHNM, particularly in relation to admitted patient flow, resulting in significant underperformance against key national and local targets.

"Current levels of activity and length of stay predicts that the UHNM will also face a bed capacity deficit in the coming winter.

"We need to talk about what we are going to do to deliver a safe winter."

Senior figures at the meeting expressed their concern over a lack of a clear plan so close to winter.

John MacDonald, chairman of UHNM, said: "If we wait until the next board meeting it will be too close – it isn't until November. We need to formulate a solid plan and make sure our service is managed correctly throughout the winter."

Paula Clark, chief executive with the trust, said: "We need a good Christmas period and a good start to January. We are all aware that this can be a tricky time but that is what needs to happen."

Plans to combat a potential winter crisis this year include assigning board directors to specific areas so they can oversee proceedings and introducing a 'Plan B' of looking to place people in community care beds.

Mr Khashu added: "TUHNM has formally requested a risk summit as the current position is not acceptable from a risk perspective on patient flow."

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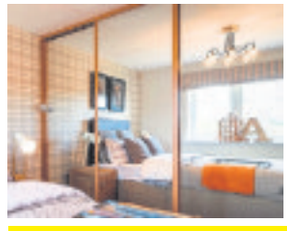

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80s legend Astley lined up for Cannock Chase concerts

Rick Astley performing at V at Weston Park last year

RICK Astley is the first act to be announced for next year's Forest Live gigs in Cannock Chase.

The 80s pop star will perform in Cannock Chase on July 8 next year as part of the annual music festival.

Astley, who has recently secured his first number one album in 29 years, titled 50, is one of a number of artists set to appear in the beauty spot next summer. Last year, James Bay, Kaiser Chiefs and Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbott were the headline acts.

Following on from a run of sold out indoor spring 17 tour dates, fans at the Forest Live gigs can look forward to seeing Astley perform a set of songs from his latest album and greatest hits.

Rick Astley said: "2017 sees me celebrating 30 years in the music business since my first number one hit. I can't wait to perform as a part of Forest Live and I really hope you can make one of the dates to enjoy the experience with me."

James Delanoy, spokesman for the Forest Live series, said: "Forest Live is an independent programme organised by the Forestry Commission to bring forests to new audiences.

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Astley was just 21 years old when he unleashed the iconic 'Never Gonna Give You Up', which became the UK's biggest selling single of the year, going on to top the charts in 16 countries.

The song became the centrepiece of debut album 'Whenever You Need Somebody', which sold 15 million copies worldwide, cracking the US Top 10 in the process.

Tickets costing £36.50, plus £4.15 booking fee, go on sale at 9am tomorrow (Friday) from the Forestry Commission box office on 03000 680400, or buy online at www.forestry.gov.uk/music

Murder charge follows brawl

A MAN has been charged with the murder of his house mate years after an assault which left him with brain injuries. Gareth Rowton, aged 35, is currently serving an 11-and-a-half year sentence for the wounding of David Stanton and will appear in court on a murder charge next month.

Rowton and Stanton, who had been living together, were involved in a brawl on November 9, 2012, in an alleyway outside their home in Old Fallow Road, Cannock.

After a police investigation, Rowton was charged with, and pleaded guilty to, grievous bodily harm with intent.

The injuries sustained by Mr Stanton during the altercation left him hospitalised and he remained in care, before his death last year. A forensic examination revealed his death was caused by complications relating to a severe brain injury.

A Staffordshire Police spokesman said: "As a result of the injuries received David was hospitalised and remained in care. He sadly died on 29 June, 2015."

The Crown Prosecution Service has charged Rowton with murder and he will go on trial next month. He will appear before magistrates in Newcastle-under-Lyme, on November 10.

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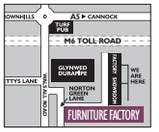

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MP wins bid to let in Jungle children

JEREMY Lefroy has won his battle to bring children from the Calais jungle to the UK after the Home Secretary vowed to help those with connections to Britain.

The Stafford MP had urged Amber Rudd to ensure that unaccompanied children with family in Britain are moved out of the Calais refugee camp before it is torn down.

He is one of 10 Tory MPs, including former Education Secretary Nicky Morgan, who called on Miss Rudd to 'champion' the role of the family in resolving the refugee crisis in a bid to keep children out of the hands of people traffickers.

In their letter they wrote: "We must ensure that it is the authorities and the law that help these children, and not the criminals who would put them in the back of trucks or leave them to take their own chances.

"We know how seriously you take this issue and we want you to know you have our full support to act to ensure these children learn their legal rights to be with their family and get to be with them safely and quickly. We can do more to help these children and in doing so we will defeat the traffickers."

Jeremy Lefroy – campaign

The Home Secretary has confirmed that Britain is set to start taking hundreds of child migrants from the Calais jungle within weeks.

She said that French bureaucracy, which has delayed the transfer of children in the UK, had been urgently addressed during a recent meeting with Bernard Cazeneuve, the French Minister of Interior.

She said that there is an 'accelerated co-operation' from the French and suggested that children will begin coming to the UK within the next fortnight.

France has agreed to pass Britain a list of children entitled to come to the UK, Miss Rudd said, as she vowed to start bringing children to the UK with a right to be here 'within days'.

"We will take children who have a right to be here," she said. "There is no stone unturned for this Government to assist the French."

She said that the children will be relocated to the UK with 'all speed and haste' and focus on helping those aged under 12 who are most at risk.

Charities estimate there are 387 children in the Calais camp who are entitled to move to the UK. Around half of them have family members in this country.

France has vowed to shut down the jungle camp, starting this week. It will see around 9,000 people move to 140 centres across France over the coming weeks.

Fire service personnel are honoured

Cannock crew manager Darren Golder, centre, with authority chairman Stephen Sweeney and Lord Lieutenant Ian Dudson

STAFFORDSHIRE Fire and Rescue Service personnel from across the county have been commended for their long service and good conduct.

The Lord Lieutenant Ian Dudson presented the medals for good conduct, and the chairman of the Fire and Rescue Authority Stephen Sweeney presented the certificates for long service. The Long Service Award is given to members of Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service who have completed 20 years' continuous service.

The Long Service and Good Conduct Medal is awarded to personnel who have completed 20 years' operational service and during this period have demonstrated their good conduct, loyalty and devotion to duty.

Recipients from across the county who received a medal and certificate during the event at the Service's headquarters included Darren Golder, crew manager at Cannock fire station; Richard Critchlow, crew manager at Burton fire station; Neil Gordon, watch manager in the emergency response team at the service's headquarters; and Steve Cross, firefighter at Kidsgrove fire station.

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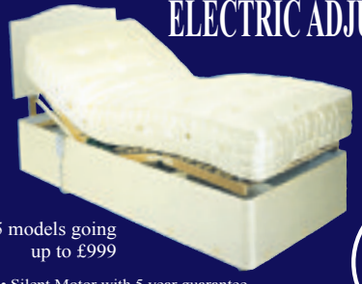

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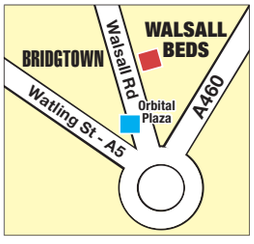

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£70m funds pledged to offset HS2 disruption

THE Government has vowed to press ahead with HS2 as it pledged £70 million to support homeowners and businesses and boost road safety along the controversial line.

Staffordshire will see a £15m chunk of the funding, while the West Midlands will get £7.5m.

It has been made available by the Department for Transport to support communities along the route between London and the West Midlands.

By Peter Madeley

Transport Secretary Chris Grayling has confirmed the government is committed to building HS2, despite critics branding the line as 'economically unjustifiable'.

"We need HS2 now more than ever," he said.

"We need HS2 for the capacity it will bring on the routes between London, the West Midlands, Crewe, Leeds and Manchester as well as the space it'll create elsewhere on our transport network.

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"We need it for the boost it will give to our regional and national economies and we need it for the jobs it will create, and for the way it will link our country together."

The £70m funding includes £40m for businesses and local communities. It will be used to enhance facilities, improve access to the countryside and conserve nature, as well as supporting businesses facing disruption while the work takes place.

The cash will be released as grants that community groups, charities, non-governmental organisations and business support specialists can bid for. The area covering Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Buckinghamshire will receive £15m, while the West Midlands will get £7.5m. A total of £10m has been set aside to bankroll as yet unidentified cross-border or route wide projects.

Cathy Elliott, chairman of the HS2 Community and Environment Fund (CEF) and the Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF), said: "Allocation of the funds in this way allows communities to have an indication of the level of funding available while maintaining some flexibility to ensure the overarching objective of the funds are met.

Allocating the funding on a regional level will allow the funding of larger schemes which are likely to deliver a long lasting legacy."

A separate £30m road safety fund will be used to make road improvements along the route, including traffic calming measures, safer junctions and better pedestrian crossings.

Mark Littlewood, director general at the Institute of Economic Affairs, said it was 'astonishing' the Government had given HS2 the green light. "There is a need for improving transport capacity, but HS2 is a wildly inefficient solution."

Deadline looms on applying for secondary school

PARENTS of children due to start secondary school in 2017 have until October 31 to get their applications in.

Once the deadline closes, Staffordshire County Council's admissions team will begin the task of allocating places.

To help parents make the best choices for their children, the county council has launched a new online tool that gives them the ability to search, compare and see the characteristics and performance of local schools.

Information on the new tool – at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions – includes Ofsted rating, GCSE and A Level results, what pupils went on to do after their studies, and whether a school is over-subscribed.

Last year, nine out of 10 parents were allocated their first choice secondary school, with 98 per cent allocated one of their top three preferred schools.

Parents are being encouraged to choose three preferred schools when filling in their applications, and to visit any potential secondary schools before making a choice.

To apply for a secondary school place log on to www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/Admissions.

Primary school admissions open on November 1.

Wispy and mysterious view of town

A spectacular view down onto Hednesford, taken from a hill off Littleworth Road, just as the sunset started

THIS stunning photograph captured the moment after the sun had set across Hednesford.

It was taken by Chronicle photographer Jamie Ricketts from a hill off Littleworth Road.

When asked about the photograph, Jamie said: "The night before, I was working over in Shropshire where there was an amazing sunset in Shrewsbury.

"I was in Hednesford the night after, and it's usually a rule of thumb that there will be another sunset the day after. I was working on a job that was delayed and I had 20 minutes to spare. It was around sunset time so I thought I would see what kind of picture I could get of the sky.

"I found the highest point and looked where the sun was going. I positioned myself with the sun a bit around from me so it wasn't in shot, and took the picture. I like it when the sky looks wispy and mysterious."

Health chief to retire

Andrew Donald

ONE of the most senior health bosses in Staffordshire has announced his retirement after almost 40 years working with the NHS.

Andrew Donald, the accountable officer of Stafford and Surrounds, Cannock Chase and South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula Clinical Commissioning Groups, will leave his post on the April 30.

He said: "Planning to retire has not been an easy decision because I thoroughly enjoy working with the whole team including my chairs and governing body members.

"I will no doubt miss them all. However, after 39 and a half years working for and with the NHS it is time to move on to the next stage of my life and plan to do some different things. Having considered things very carefully with my family I feel that April is the right time.

"It will allow me just over six months to get the three CCGs to the best place I can."

Mr Donald has led Stafford and Surrounds and Cannock Chase CCGs since they began running in shadow form from 2012.

He was also appointed accountable officer of South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG in 2015. Dr Mo Huda, chair of Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "We will be extremely sad to say farewell to Andy, who has worked hard to ensure that our CCGs are functioning effectively."

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Trust reaches the heights

AN academy trust which runs 13 primary academies across the West Midlands – including four across the Cannock and Lichfield districts – has been named as one of seven high performing trusts.

REAch2 Academy Trust was praised by Sir Michael Wilshaw, the outgoing chief inspector at Ofsted. The report highlighted the high performance amongst the trusts, including recruiting and retaining authoritative executive leaders; a well-planned, broad and balanced curriculum; investment in professional development of teachers and the sharing of knowledge and expertise; a focus on pipeline of talent and clear governance frameworks.

Among those operated by the trust are Springhill Primary Academy in Burntwood, Norton Canes Primary Academy, Heath Hayes Primary Academy and Five Spires Academy in Lichfield.

Sir Steve Lancashire, CEO and Founder of REAch2 said: "It is fantastic to be recognised in this way."

Scheme helps 50,000 crime victims in year

MORE than 50,000 victims of crime have been given support and advice in one year thanks to a new scheme launched by Staffordshire's Police & Crime Commissioner.

The Staffordshire Victim Gateway – a UK first – was launched last September by Matthew Ellis.

A total of 50,700 people in Staffordshire have been offered advice and support over the last 12 months, with just over 50,000 of those being referred by Staffordshire Police.

Mr Ellis said: "The Victim Gateway is about putting victims' needs first by making sure the system fits the victim rather than the victim having to fit around the system.

"Being a victim can be truly damaging and have a lasting impact on feelings of safety and wellbeing.

"Both victims and witnesses often find the criminal justice process daunting and difficult. It is vital that we offer better support through the process."

The scheme offers tailored advice and emotional and practical support to victims in a way that meets their needs.

Agencies

Referrals have also been made by other agencies and people are now able to self-refer if they have been a victim of crime.

Jude Hawes, Staffordshire Victim Gateway manager, said: "We have provided support and advice to many people in this 12 month period and have received a good deal of positive feedback.

"The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has continuously supported us in our aims to provide support to victims of crime across Staffordshire and Stoke-on- Trent.

"We also want to encourage victims who may not have reported the crime to the police to contact the Victim Gateway so that they too can receive the support and help they need."

Sounds of the 50s host has sax appeal

Saxophonist and broadcaster Leo Green performs

A LEADING saxophonist and host of BBC Radio 2's Sounds of the Fifties brings the show to life at Cannock's Prince of Wales Centre next week.

Leo Green's show at the Church Street venue is one of 25 dates throughout the country. It reaches Cannock on Wednesday, October 26 at 7.30pm, with tickets at £20.

The Sounds of the 50s band will perform hits from the likes of Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, James Brown, Sam Cooke, Ray Charles, Fats Domino, Bill Haley, Frankie Laine, The Drifters, Peggy Lee, Cliff Richard, Neil Sedaka, Jackie Wilson and others, all woven around Green's stories and sax playing.

Tributes to musical greats David Bowie and Neil Diamond will have audiences rocking over the next two nights.

The many faces of Bowie will feature in Starman – a musical celebration tonight (Thursday). Tomorrow night (Friday), Bob Drury celebrates the 50th anniversary of Neil Diamond's recording career. Call 01543 578762.

M6 oil spillage

LANES were closed on the M6 last Thursday after an oil spillage.

Two lanes between junctions 12 and 13 southbound were closed from 7.30am to 11.30am. The entry lane to junction 13 southbound was shut until 2pm.

Results are above par

PROVISIONAL GCSE results show that Staffordshire school pupils have achieved higher than the national average.

According to the figures, 54.3 per cent of students obtained five A* to C grades, including English and maths – above the national average of 52.8 per cent.

County Councillor Ben Adams said: "These achievements show pupils in Staffordshire are really focussed on getting the results they need for their future career."

Irish eyes smile on fundraising event

THE Chairman of Cannock Chase Council has called on residents to help her raise as much money as possible at her big fundraising event this month.

Councillor Zaphne Stretton will be raising money for her chosen charities at the event – Birmingham Children's Hospital Cancer Unit and The Royal Voluntary Service for Norton Canes.

The 'luck of the Irish' themed event is taking place at the Council's Civic Centre Ballroom in Beecroft Road, Cannock next Friday, October 28, from 7.30pm. Tickets are £27 each including a two-course meal and entertainment by award-winning BBC radio personality Bob Brolly. A cash bar will also be available.

Councillor Stretton said: "Both charities do such fantastic work and I want to raise as much money as I possibly can for them during my year in office." To book a ticket or to donate a raffle prize call 01543 464533.

Cheers! Lotto couple at millionaire masterclass

YOU scoop the jackpot on the lottery but what to do with your new found wealth?

Now there is an answer – millionaire masterclasses run by the team at the National Lottery.

Stuart and Denise Powell, from Featherstone, who scooped £1 million last year, joined other winners from across the UK for a series of tutorials delivered by a host of lifestyle experts.

They include the dos and don'ts of buying luxury cars led by former Top Gear and Fifth Gear presenter Tiff Needell. There was Champagne tasting with Pol Roger director Cassidy Dart, and learning what to wear with celebrity stylist Zoe Tilston.

And gift wrapper to the stars Neelam Meetcha demonstrated how to wrap large and unusual gifts, including a Range Rover.

Neelam Meecha wraps a car at the EuroMillions Millionaire Academy

Denise and Stuart get car advice from Grand Prix driver Tiff Needell

Champagne time for Lottery winners Denise and Stuart Powell with Cassidy Dart, director of wine from Pol Roger

Lucky

Tips taught on the course include identifying the best Champagnes, what to look for when buying a sports car worth more than £250,000 and what to wear when flying first-class or in a private jet.

Mr and Mrs Powell struck lucky in the Euro Millions Millionaire Maker.

But they have been incredibly understated, living in their same modest home and both continuing to work in full-time jobs.

They have splashed out on homes for their three sons, however, two in Featherstone, and one in Sheffield. And Mrs Powell bought a Land Rover.

However, Mr Powell's first purchase was a £38 nail gun for work around the house. Speaking from the event at an exclusive London venue, Mr Powell said: "Ever since our win we've been enjoying experiences we never dreamed possible, from buying homes for our boys to taking exotic holidays, it's been amazing.

"There have been occasions where we've come a little unstuck so to have this team of professionals from the world of the rich and famous giving us advice has been great, and lots of fun."

The masterclasses are dubbed the National Lottery Mega Millionaire Academy which sees all those attending 'graduating'.

Mrs Powell said: "Winning the lottery has opened numerous doors for us, and our family, and it's great to know that as more people join this wonderful 'club' every week, they too will be able to open those doors. Our involvement in the Millionaire Academy will certainly help us in the future. It's not that we drink vintage Champagne every day, but it's nice to know when you are.

"And never did I think we'd get some top tips from the director of wine at a prestigious Champagne house or the inside line on the best sports car in the £250,000-plus price bracket."

Hosting the event was the National Lottery's winners' adviser Andy Carter who has years of experience in helping new millionaires make a smooth transition into the millionaire lifestyle.

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Sinking feeling as swim classes axed

People protesting against the proposed closure of Linda Williams's swim school

PARENTS have launched a petition to save a swim school which has taught hundreds of children over the years.

The Penkridge and Codsall Swim School, which runs classes at Penkridge Leisure Centre, Cannock Road, and at Codsall Leisure Centre, Elliots Lane, has been teaching youngsters how to swim for almost 20 years.

The school operates on Saturday mornings in Penkridge and Sunday afternoons in Codsall and provides classes for children of all ages and abilities, including those with special needs. But the school is to be brought to an end by South Staffordshire District Council which is to run its own classes instead. The proposed closure will see manager and teacher Linda Williams lose her job and the school stop classes. Ms Williams first helped her predecessor Bill Peacock set up the school and took it over when he stepped down.

Loyal

Ms Williams said: "I'm absolutely devastated. I've taught so many children over the years, and generations of the same family in some cases.

"I've stayed loyal to both centres over the years. Now to know that children are not going to have their regular lessons, but council-run lessons, it's really upsetting."

The school has been supported by Penkridge Parish Council which has backed the online petition.

Council leisure services manager Tony Ward said: "Leisure services will continue to operate the delivery of swimming lessons for the people of South Staffordshire. We are working closely with the Swimming Teachers Association to build on our success."

To sign the petition, visit www.change.org and search 'Codsall and Penkridge swim school.'

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Players raise £3,000 in memory of groundsman

Johnny's Boys – back row from left, John Brotherton's son Tom, Luke Farmer, goalkeeper Adam Jones, Matt Brotherton (no relation), and Shaun Davies with, front, Danny Farmer

HUNDREDS of pounds was raised in a football tournament held in memory of a man who died of cancer.

John Brotherton, from Great Wyrley, passed away 10 days after being diagnosed with bowel and liver cancer.

He was formerly the groundsman for Harrisons FC, who played in Hazel Slade before disbanding several years ago. Ten teams of six players came together at the old pitches for a game of football in remembrance.

And it raised £670 for Cancer Research UK in the process. Lucie Farmer, who was secretary at Harrisons FC, said: "We first organised it as a kickabout to raise money for Cancer Research but because John Brotherton passed away it ended up being a tournament for him.

"He was a much-loved man by the lads playing and very passionate about what he did. He was always there sorting the changing rooms, doing the lines and putting the kit out."

As well as the £670, John's son Tom Brotherton, who was part of the Johnny's Boys' team, has raised £2,500 via Just Giving. Go to justgiving.com/fundraising/t-Brotherton

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Politician's support for Owl Trust

Gavin Williamson, right, with the college's chief executive principal Graham Morley and Barny the owl

SOUTH Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson has been named as the patron of the World Owl Trust.

As Mr Williamson was formally awarded the new role he also received a £3,000 donation from South Staffordshire College towards the trust's new £1 million centre at Himley Hall.

The money will help pay for two of the 60 aviaries which will be built at the new venue. It is expected to open next summer. Trustees chairman Alan Peace said: "Gavin has been very good to us. He has been physically helping us on site at Himley."

The World Owl Trust were previously based in Cumbria but were told they had to leave.

Eighty four birds are being kept at South Staffordshire College's Rodbaston Campus in Penkridge with 100 more at other holding sites, until Himley opens.

600-plus ops cancelled

MORE than 600 operations were cancelled at the last minute at hospitals across Staffordshire and the Black Country in the space of three months.

Staff shortages, a lack of beds and operating theatres not being available due to unexpected admissions can lead to procedures being called off at short-notice. Increased numbers of emergency patients have also put pressure on some resources.

A number of sites were affected by the junior doctors' strikes in April, which saw hospital bosses across the country forced to cancel thousands of operations and out-patient appointments.

In the Black Country, the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, which runs New Cross in Wolverhampton and Cannock Chase Hospital, postponed the most between April and June.

Chief executive David Loughton said: "We work hard to ensure that operations are able to proceed as scheduled, unless there is a clinical reason not to.

"We would like to reassure patients that operations are only cancelled as a last resort, usually when there is a high demand for emergency operations. Ensuring patients get safe and timely treatment is our priority."

University Hospitals of North Midlands, which runs County Hospital in Stafford, called off 279. Medical director Robert Courteney-Harris said: "We aim to keep cancelled operations to a minimum."

More than a third of Year 6 children 'are overweight'

MORE than a third of 10 and 11-year-olds in Staffordshire are overweight or obese, new figures have revealed.

A total of 33.5 per cent of children in the county were overweight and obese at Year 6 age (10-11) in 2014-15 compared with the national average of 33.2 per cent.

And 23.1 per cent of Staffordshire children at reception age (four to five) were found to be overweight or obese, compared with 21.9 per cent nationally.

The figures were revealed in a report by Councillor Philip Atkins, leader of Staffordshire County Council.

Councillor Alan White, cabinet member for health, care and wellbeing, said: "Promoting healthy eating in young children is essential for maintaining their health and wellbeing later in life.

"This is why we work with a number of other organisations in the county to encourage healthy activity, eating well and living a healthier life.

"The figures show that this approach is working, but we know that more needs to be done, both locally and nationally, to ensure more people are living healthy lifestyles.

"Recent changes, such as the watershed for advertising unhealthy foods, and the forthcoming tax on sugary drinks, are really positive, but we must also work with families as a whole to promote healthier lifestyles across the board.

"Living unhealthily can also contribute to a number of issues later in life, such as heart disease or diabetes, so by giving families the advice they need to change their lifestyles, we can help as many people as possible to live healthy, happier, lives."

Earlier this year it was revealed that the number of hospital admissions due to obesity in the Black Country and Staffordshire has increased by more than 30 per cent.

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Arboretum's record bid is on the card

Mark Ellis, left, commercial manager at the Arboretum, and Chris Robinson, creative director at Tolputt Keeton

THE National Memorial Arboretum aims to achieve a Guinness World Record this Christmas by obtaining the highest number of signatures on a greeting card.

To break the current world record set by the Dubai Police in 2015, the Arboretum needs more than 13,288 signatures on its giant card, which has been designed free of charge by Tolputt Keeton, in Tamworth.

The card, which is 2.1 metres high and 4.5 metres wide when opened out, features a giant poppy set against a background of more than 800 photographs taken at the Arboretum.

The card has space for 20,923 signatures. A total of 555 signatures were collected when the card was unveiled at Ride to the Wall, the annual event which sees thousands of motorcyclists visit the Arboretum to pay their respects to the fallen.

The card will be taken around the Midlands and London over the next couple of months, to be signed by children and adults from various organisations including schools, shops and businesses.

Each person who adds their signature will be asked to include a short message on the card, which will also be available for signing by visitors to the Arboretum today (Thursday) and tomorrow, and on November 11 and 13. Sarah Montgomery, managing director of the Arboretum, said: "We thought the giant Christmas card would be a wonderful way in which to pay tribute to the Armed Forces at this special time of year.

"It will be quite a task to break the existing world record for the number of signatures on a greetings card, let alone attempt to go even further by filling all the 20,993 spaces on our card. However, we got off to a great start at Ride to the Wall and we are confident that thousands of people of all ages and from all walks of life will support us."

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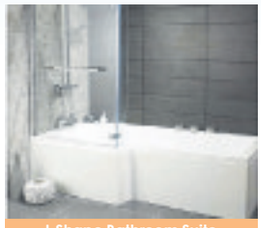
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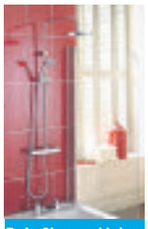
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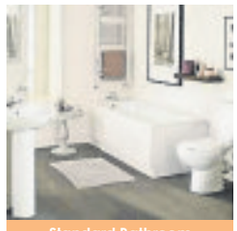
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Jane conquers Kilimanjaro to raise £10,000 for fund

THE mother of inspirational teenager Stephen Sutton has completed her Mount Kilimanjaro climb – and thanked well-wishers.

Jane Sutton has so far raised more than £10,000 for the Teenage Cancer Trust by taking on Africa's highest mountain. Stephen, from Burntwood, died in May 2014, aged 19, from terminal cancer but not before embarking on a bucket list.

More than £5 million has been raised for the charity, with Mrs Sutton and others carrying on the fundraising to continue his legacy.

She had spent almost a year preparing for the challenge including walking up Snowdon, and Yorkshire's three peaks, as well as treks on Cannock Chase and in the Peak District.

By Heather Large

Ascent

After the first stages of the trek in Tanzania, which involved a 16,000ft ascent, she reached the summit in time for a 'spectacular' sunrise.

In an update message, which was posted on the Stephen's Story page on Facebook later in the day, she said: "I'm thrilled to say I reached the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro earlier this morning, along with the rest of my group, to witness a spectacular sunrise. I knew this challenge was going to be difficult and it was even tougher than I anticipated.

"I certainly knew I was walking at a high altitude and it was bitterly cold at the summit.

"After a very slow walk back to Horombo Huts, we're now enjoying some food, rest and shortly sleep before we continue with a five-hour trek back to Marangu Gate.

"My feet are hurting but that's not surprising considering the number of hours we've been on our feet.

"Thanks for all your wonderful support throughout my trek," she added.

To donate, visit uk.virginmoneygiving.com/climbkilimanjaro

Jane Sutton has completed her Mount Kilimanjaro climb in memory of her inspirational son Stephen, inset

Tasty treats and coffee for charity

LEISURE centre and council staff collected more than £600 for charity.

Lichfield District Council staff and colleagues at Friary Grange and Burntwood leisure centres held Macmillan Coffee Mornings to collect the money.

The council's building control team baked cakes and ran a Spot the Cake competition for staff members, raising £256 on September 30.

The Evolve Fitness team at Friary Grange offered baked goodies to customers and raised £212 while Burntwood Leisure Centre also held a coffee morning, collecting £160.

Councillor Doug Pullen, the council's cabinet member for community, said: "A big thank you to all the bakers and to everyone who bought the cakes and biscuits, managing to raise more than £600."

Algae scare is now over

SIGNS warning Chasewater visitors about a dangerous toxin in the water have been taken down.

Over the summer, people were advised that blue-green algae blooms could be growing. If the blooms are swallowed they can cause stomach upsets in humans and kill animals.

Park rangers have reported that the algae has now disappeared.

Company in scheme to alter layout of parking

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

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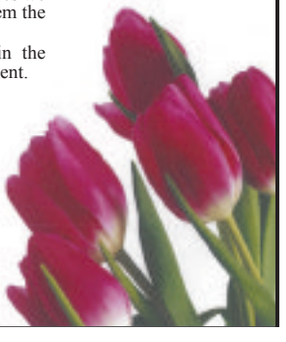

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Pupils hit gold with visit of Paralympian

Jerome Avery with pupils Kierran Goode, Cealan Miller-chip, Demi-Mai Beasley and Mia Skelton

RUGELEY school children struck gold when a Paralympic medallist took a day out to visit them. American Jerome Avery, who runs 100m in 10.2 seconds, was the guide runner for blind sprinter David Brown, who won the sprint race at this year's Rio Games.

He spent a day at Western Springs Primary School, on School Road, visiting pupils he had exchanged letters with and talking about his running career. The school council had even raised money to buy him running spikes in the run-up to the games.

Mr Avery, aged 37, who trains full-time with Mr Brown in San Diego, said: "It was awesome. It's always great to tell them what I do as a guide runner.

"It was definitely a great honour and a great feeling to be here. The staff and the kids know who I am but to be here and to put the names to the faces, it's great."

He is friends with Jason Wellings, son of the school's headteacher Shirley Wellings. Mr Wellings was born in the USA, attended Queen Mary's Grammar School in Walsall and has regularly played in goal for the USA's hockey team. Mr Wellings also spent time at the school with his friend.

Mrs Wellings said: "The kids have absolutely loved it."

Knockout night with McGuigan on the cards

EX-WBA world featherweight champion Barry McGuigan becomes the latest big name to appear to at Cannock's Bar Sport next month.

'The Clones Cyclone' will be at the High Green venue on Thursday, November 24.

McGuigan united British and Irish audiences through his exploits in the 1980s, at a time when his native Northern Ireland was divided because of their troubles.

By Simon Stone

He courted controversy by becoming a British citizen so he could win the British title, also claiming the European crown.

Stopped

He boxed 35 times as a professional, winning 32 with 28 inside the distance. He lost three times, but was only ever stopped once and on cuts.

The 55-year-old will be accompanied by his son Shane. As manager and coach respectively, they now lead current WBA 'super' featherweight boss Carl Frampton.

There will be a five-course meal and entertainment from Mike Cash who also hails from Clones. Former WBC super middlewight champion Richie Woodhall will interview McGuigan on stage. There will also be a memorabilia auction and an Irish band to finish.

Scott Murray, owner of Bar Sport and the Premier Suite, said: "Barry was an incredible fighter and a fantastic ambassador for the sport."

McGuigan is the latest boxing legend to appear at the Premier Suite. Others include Joe Calzaghe, Floyd Mayweather, Chris Eubank, Evander Holyfield, Nigel Benn and Sugar Ray Leonard.

Tickets start at £45 with an opportunity for photographs. Call 01543 572092.

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Mrs Pam Calvert

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Justin Bieber performs at the Barclaycard Arena, Birmingham, on Monday night in front of more than 15,000 fans

OK I admit I am now a Belieber too

Justin Bieber
Barclaycard Arena

BIEBER fever has taken hold in Birmingham where over two nights some 30,000 fans of the 22-year-old pop megastar were filling the city centre arena.

But don't scream whilst Justin is talking. He doesn't like it.

"Screaming is abhorrent," the multi-million-album selling Canadian icon of cool told the fans on Monday night when his call for hush was not fully respected.

"Do me a favour, relax for a second. Take a chill pill," said the baggy-panted pop phenomenon, brow briefly furrowed under backward baseball cap. "It doesn't feel like I am being heard."

It was one of a couple of odd moments, the other being his elongated drum solo which seemed strangely out of place in such a hi-tech state-of-the-art spectacle of a show. And what a show. High definition graphics meant it was sometimes hard to work out what was real and what was digital trickery. This was a concert for the Xbox One generation.

Bieber himself popped up and down like a jack in the box via various trap doors and elevators after appearing first in a perspex box scrawling the title of the opening song, Mark My Words, on the walls. Then came Where Are U Now with Bieber joining his team of gymnastic dancers in the jerky, semi-robotic dance routine that has become his trademark.

Highlights

There were 21 songs in his one hour and 45 minute set, built around an intermission that seemed designed to sell more merchandise with a Birmingham only T-shirt available in the break for £30. Most came from latest album Purpose, which gives this 123 concert tour its name.

But a couple of old favourites got some of the biggest cheers, including Boyfriend and a revamped version of his breakthrough hit Baby. Since he last performed the latter in Brum, Bieber has grown up fast, gone bad boy and then reformed, gaining millions more fans and about 50 tattoos.

He proved he can sing with an acoustic interlude, sat upon a red velvet couch and strummed his guitar for a version of Major Lazer's Cold Water and his recent hit Love Yourself.

Other highlights included Company, where Bieber and co took off over the arena somersaulting on a trampoline, and the tick-tock terrific What Do You Mean?

The vocals were a blend of live and recorded, apparent when Bieber lowered the mic but his voice carried on. I don't think that bothered the fans at all. They want a dancing and singing star and recreating the machined-tooled sound of the Purpose album leaves no room for gasps.

He did get briefly philosophical on the subject of Purpose, before plugging the merch one last time before the encore. Sorry, sent fans home happy just after 11pm. I know his Purpose, to make shed loads of money and brilliantly catchy R&B flavoured pop songs. He does it very well. I've seen his fate and I am a Belieber.

He's back in the West Midlands to play the Genting Arena at the NEC on October 24 but that's sold out too.

Leon Burakowski

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Bonehead remembers being there, even now

They were the biggest band on the planet – in 1996, Oasis had the world at their feet.

They were the acme of rock 'n' roll. They drank champagne, snorted cocaine, hung out with supermodels and flicked the finger to waiting paparazzi.

Prime ministers and Hollywood A-listers wanted to be their mates. Their two Knebworth gigs held 250,000 fans but received ticket applications from 2.6 million. No band, other than The Beatles during the 1960s, had had such a profound effect on the nation's culture and psyche. So when Oasis booked Abbey Road Studios to record their third album, Be Here Now, the stakes could not have been higher. After the success of (What's The Story) Morning Glory, they had everything to lose and nothing to gain.

At the time of its release, Be Here Now was the most popular record of all time. It received unanimous and truly amazing praise from critics. It shipped 424,000 copies in the UK on the first day of its release and 696,000 by the end of the week, making it the fastest-selling album in British history. And though history has been unkind to the record, re-evaluating its artistic merit, it remains a sensationally popular record. Lauded as being the most effusively praised record since Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, Be Here Now was a unique recording.

Difficult

Rhythm guitarist Paul 'Bonehead' Arthurs recalls: "The sessions were difficult. We'd reached the height at that point and we couldn't make a move. Wherever we went, there was paparazzi and the whole media circus. All eyes were on us."

It could have been so different. There was a moment, at the start of Be Here Now, when Oasis could have exceeded expectation – when they could have justified the hype.

The album is now being remastered and reissued in October to commemorate 20 years since they started to record it. It will include the original demos laid down for the album, and these are what Bonehead remembers fondly. "Noel brought back the demos from Mustique," he reminisces. "They were incredible, they weren't usual Noel demos. Normally he'd send them with one or two acoustic guitars and a vocal and it was great. But he came back from Mustique and there were keyboards, bass, harmonies – they were fully fledged songs. It was really f***ing exciting.

"And then we were booked into Abbey Road, which is iconic. But from there, it just went downhill. The papparazi were breaking into the studio, looking for drugs, looking for a story. I was staying in an apartment with Owen, the producer, which was next door. We were living and sleeping there. But we had to put a disguise on before going to the shops in the morning."

On Definitely Maybe and (What's The Story) Morning Glory, Oasis had been able to switch off and focus when it came to recording. They were afforded no such luxury for Be Here Now. "Our sacred space was the studio.

"No matter how big or small you are, you shut the doors and get on with it. But the media circus was always in the back of our mind. Owen and I were in the apartment next door and it should have been incredible.

"But when I wanted to nip to the pub with Owen for a pint I was told I wasn't allowed. We couldn't do it. We had orders from the office. There were paps outside."

Scrutiny

The record was made when the band were on the crest of a wave. They had no complaints about the fuss and scrutiny that surrounded them. They were living out their dreams. "It was mind-blowing at the time. It all happened so fast," adds Bonehead. "It's what we lived and breathed and what we wanted to do from the start. We wanted it more than anyone, we believed more than anyone. But poor old Liam would open his bedroom curtains and 40 f***ing cameras would be snapping away. I think he dealt with it admirably. I think he still does."

Be Here Now was the definition of ambition. While other bands were making three-and-a-half-minute Britpop songs, Oasis were recording nine-minute epics like All Around The World with 40-piece orchestras.

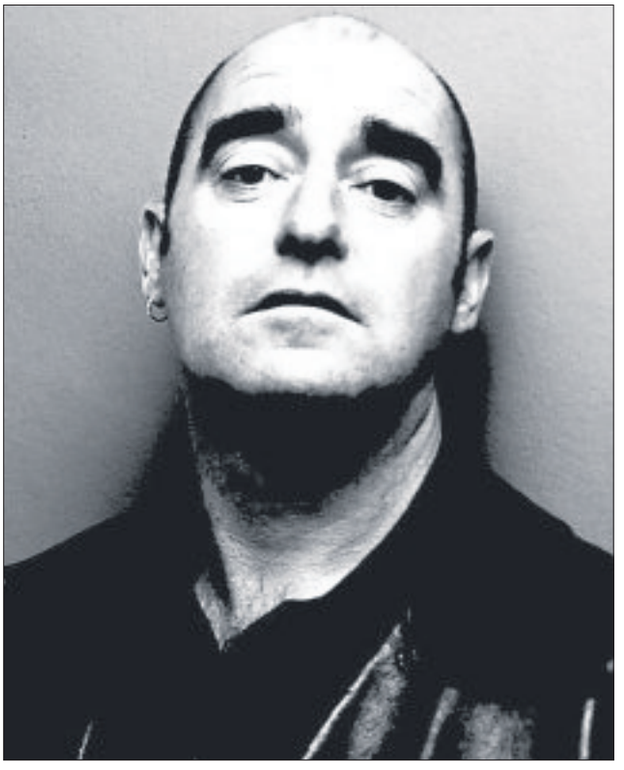
"Noel had that song from back at The Boardwalk, in Manchester. It could have gone on the first album but he said he wouldn't release it until he had a 40-piece orchestra. And by the time of Be Here Now, we could afford that. Now there's a man with a vision. He knew, even before the first album, where he was going.

Professional

"You know, the album eventually got slagged off. And as the years go by, even Noel has slagged it. But I personally love it. My Big Mouth, Magic Pie – what great tunes." Drugs were as common as tea, though Bonehead tended to steer clear.

"Yeah, there's all the drugs. And if Noel says he was doing a lot of cocaine then he was doing a lot of cocaine. But one thing's for sure, Noel wasn't snorting 10 minutes before he was putting a guitar part down, he wasn't doing it before he went on stage. We were too professional for that. I certainly wasn't doing cocaine. On a Friday night I'd go home to my family while the others partied."

The Be Here Now album is being re-released



As a live act, there was no-one better in the world. During the mid-to-late-90s Oasis were on fire. That meant they never had a day off, which led to inevitable problems.

"There were loads of incidents, Liam would be like, 'f*** this, you can f***ing sing, I'm not doing this gig. I'm going to go and buy a house'. From day one to Knebworth, it was constant, man. In hindsight, maybe we should have taken a break.

"There should have been time to buy a car, have a holiday or buy a house. But we didn't. We kept going and going and going. We didn't complain. But s*** happens on tour.

"Generally you're big boys and it's forgotten the next morning. I had a good relationship with everyone. And I'm closer to Liam now than I've ever been in my life. I always used to say I was the rhythm guitarist and tour psychiatrist. If there was a little fallout when we were hurling down the motorway, I'd be the one pulling Noel and Liam apart and telling them to get over it and sit down. I always did jump in."

Iconic

Bonehead remembers the colossal nature of Knebworth – the iconic gigs that recently celebrated their 20th anniversary. Flying around the site by helicopter showed him the magnitude of the gig. "It was massive. It was enormous. Just walking on stage and hearing the crowd: I'll never forget that. Then John Squire joining us for Champagne Supernova was a total buzz. I was a fan-boy on stage when John Squire came on.

"When I first heard the demo for Champagne Supernova, I cried. I'm a Cancerian, so I'm pretty weepy. I'm nearly crying now. Noel had the song and he played it. We'd had a few beers. It was amazing."

It's been 20 years since the start of Be Here Now and Bonehead's had time to take stock. When Oasis were huge, he didn't dwell. Life moved too quickly for him to think. The safest place was in the eye of the hurricane.

"We didn't have a laptop. We couldn't Google ourselves or look on Twitter so we couldn't see what was going on. We didn't even have mobile phones. We were just hurtling round the world doing it and leaving this trail behind us.

Brothers – Noel and Liam Gallagher

"I didn't really realise how big it got. It really took me two years after leaving the band to work it out. I got my head round it in 2001/2 – that was when I realised it. Before that, it was a rollercoaster, let's go for it."

He's in touch with Liam every day. "I'm very close to him. We try to get away and have a weekend in Europe or go and have a week away."

He left when he knew he could no longer give it 100 per cent. "We were recording Standing on the Shoulders of Giants in France," he said. "It should have been the best time ever but it just felt a bit flat to me. There wasn't that spark. You couldn't be in that band and not give 100 per cent. Anything less, you had to go. I wasn't going to lie. I sat down and said 'it's time to go'. I've never regretted it. I just wanted to spend a bit of time with my family."

By Andy Richardson

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Million Dollar Quartet – recreating the night when rock icons jammed together

Legendary

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Pop hit-maker turned stage star Jason Donovan said: "These songs are so iconic of the era and they relate not just to that period but to music today. It's the foundations of music all around the world in every genre.

"I thought the music of that era was outstanding, it's fun. It was sort of a rebellious period. There's some big characters. Essentially the story of Sun Records is an incredible music industry story about one man who took all these acts to the world."

And there is a local twist in that almost exactly ten years to the day that the session was recorded, 'The Killer' himself, Jerry Lee Lewis played a concert at Birmingham Hippodrome.

News fuels Omid show

AWARD-WINNING comedian and actor Omid Dhalili is coming to Wolverhampton as part of a massive 108-date UK tour of his brand new show Schmuck For A Night.

Of trying to make sense of the world around him in Schmuck For A Night, Omid said: "It'll be so current sometimes audiences won't laugh until they get home and turn on the TV."

As a stand-up and actor, Omid's credits range from Hollywood movies to productions on the West End stage. He has starred in films such as varied as Shaun the Sheep Movie, Mr Nice, Gladiator, Sex And The City 2, The Mummy and David Baddiel's The Infidel, in which Omid had the starring role.

He has also just been cast in Disney's new live-action production of The Nutcracker, which he will be filming alongside the tour. On TV recently, Omid has been seen in the BBC Four series Going Forward with Jo Brand, as well as in Dickensian for BBC1 and Stan Lee's Lucky Man for Sky1.

Documentary

Omid has also produced the acclaimed documentary We Are Many, about the global anti-war demonstrations that took place in 800 cities on February 15 2003. This August he produced an Edinburgh Fringe show called Iraq Out & Loud, which saw almost 1,500 people read out the Chilcot Report for 24 hours a day, over 12 days.

He is performing at the Wulfrun Hall in Wolverhampton on Saturday, and returns to the region to play Redditch Palace Theatre on November 4, Worcester's Huntingdon Hall on November 15 and Oakengates Theatre in Telford on January 18.

The Exorcist brings Halloween terror

BIRMINGHAM Rep has assembled a powerful cast for a new stage version of The Exorcist from tomorrow (Friday) to November 5.

The play by John Pielmeier is drawn from William Peter Blatty's novel, on which the double Oscar winning movie was based.

Peter Bowles (from TV's To The Manor Born) plays exorcist Father Merrin, called to help a young girl, Regan. Jenny Seagrove (from Judge John Deed) plays Regan's mother and Adam Garcia is the young priest who finds himself in a duel with the devil with Regan's soul at stake. It's for over 18s only with scenes and language that may shock.

It's Heaven, Divine or relearn your ABC

THERE is an 1980s nostalgia this week with Heaven 17 and ABC both in Birmingham.

Glen Gregory and Martyn Ware will perform Heaven 17's Penthouse and Pavement album in full and reactivate off-shoot group British Electric Foundation at Birmingham Town Hall tomorrow (Friday).

Martin Fry's ABC will be performing The Lexicon of Love and songs from its recent sequel at the Symphony Hall on Monday, the same night Neil Hannon's The Divine Comedy play Birmingham Town Hall. Or get up to date with JBs on Monday–Jake Bugg at O2 Academy or Justin Bieber at Genting Arena.

Minecraft fun and games with Dan

HE is one of the biggest names in the world – if you're into video game Minecraft. Now YouTube sensation DanTDM is coming to Birmingham with his smash hit brand of gaming chat.

The 24-year-old from Wellingborough has matinee and evening shows at Birmingham Hippodrome on Sunday and both are likely to be sold out.

Dan 'The Diamond Minecraft' Middleton has a YouTube channel with around 14 million subscribers where he posts his comic commentary videos, plus tips and advice for gamers. He said: "You can expect some custom-made TDM games and audience participation."

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WW1 Nurses . Wed 26 October 11am -3pm
View the new exhibition 'Everybody's Darling - the WW1 Nurse', there will be costumed nurses and take part in a WW1 art & craft drop-in.

Hallowe'en . Thu 27 & Fri 28 October 11am-3pm
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SATURDAY'S TV OCTOBER 22

CHOICE

Helen Skelton

The School That Got Teens Reading
(BBC2, 8pm)
Documentary charting one Lancashire school's efforts to inspire reluctant teenagers to take up reading for pleasure. Despite receiving otherwise outstanding Ofsted reports, Ripley Academy in Lancaster has been struggling to engage its pupils in one of the most important academic skills. Having exhausted every other technique across hundreds of books, the staff turn to comedian Javone Prince and Blue Peter's Helen Skelton for help in convincing their most reluctant readers to take the plunge.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.25** BBC News. **5.35** Regional Programme. **5.45** Pointless Celebrities.

6.35 Strictly Come Dancing. The battle for the Glitterball Trophy continues as Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman return to the Strictly Come Dancing ballroom for more dance-floor exhibitions. As ever, the 11 remaining couples each take to the floor in a bit to impress not only Len Goodman, Darcey Bussell, Bruno Tonioli and Craig Revel Horwood, but also the viewers at home, who will get a chance to have their say once the judges have delivered their verdict. The results are tomorrow at 7.15pm.

8.20 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. New series. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. The first couple to win two rounds get to play for £50,000 and each time the champions defeat a new set of opponents their winnings mount up. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws with Gaby Roslin.

9.10 Casualty. Robyn arrives at work in a state of panic, having failed to find out where Glen has gone. When David later finds her in agony in the toilets, it seems she might be about to lose her baby. Meanwhile, Elle offers Ethan two tickets to the hospital awards night. Caleb asks to take both off his hands so he can take Alicia, but Ethan is quick to spot a love rival, and refuses. He plucks up the courage to ask her to go with him instead – but it remains to be seen whether she'll agree.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches; National Lottery Update.

11.50 Asian Provocateur: Mum's American Dream.

12.20 Film: Rogue. (2007) **1.50** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.55** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 Film: Flight for Freedom. (1943) **7.55** Coast. (R) **8.25 Film:** Wonder Man. (1945) **10.00** Natural World: Heligan – Secrets of the Lost Garden. (R) **11.00** Natural World: Jungle Gremlins of Java. (R) **12.00** Great British Menu. (R) **12.30** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00** Great British Menu. (R) **1.30** Ingrid Bergman: Talking Pictures. (R) **2.00 Film:** Notorious. (1946) **3.40** Flog It! **4.00** Nature's Weirdest Events. (R) **5.00** Gardeners' World. (R)

6.00 Inside the Commons. Michael Cockerell witnesses battles breaking out over the future of the House as Speaker John Bercow runs into trouble with his own plans for reforming it. Last in the series. (R)

7.00 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice. Jo Brand presents a companion show to BBC One's baking contest, featuring unseen footage from the programme and an interview with the week's eliminated baker. (R)

7.30 Dad's Army. The platoon plans to re-enact the battle between St George and the dragon as part of the Wings for Victory fundraising effort – unaware the ARP wardens have the same idea. (R)

8.00 The School That Got Teens Reading. Documentary charting a Lancashire school's efforts to inspire reluctant pupils to get into the reading habit, with help from comedian Javone Prince and Blue Peter's Helen Skelton.

9.00 Film: The Invisible Woman. (2013) Premiere. A Victorian former actress recalls her secret relationship with Charles Dickens. Fact-based period drama, directed by and starring Ralph Fiennes, with Felicity Jones.

10.45 Artsnight: The Man Booker Prize 2016. David Baddiel introduces this year's Man Booker Prize shortlist, while Mariella Frostrup, Val McDermid and George "the Poet" Mpanga meet some of the nominated authors.

11.15 Film: Revolutionary Road. (2008) A married couple live a picture-perfect life on the surface, but in truth feel stifled by their situation. Sam Mendes' 1950s-set drama, starring Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio.

1.05 Andrew Marr's Great Scots: The Writers Who Shaped a Nation. (R) **2.05 Film:** Renoir. (2012) **3.50** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Sooty. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Super 4. (R) **7.15** Oddbods. (R) **7.25** Scrambled! **7.30** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.50** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Looped. **8.30** DC Super Hero Girls: Super Hero High. **9.05** Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** Judge Rinder. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** Cash Trapped. (R) **1.30** Puppy Secrets: The First Six Months. (R) **2.30** Big Star's Little Star. (R) **3.30** Thunderbirds Are Go. **4.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. **4.25** Ninja Warrior UK. (R) **5.30** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. Ben Shephard presents a celebrity edition of the quiz, in which contestants Rufus Hound, Nadia Sawalha and JB Gill answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine.

7.00 Meet the Parents. Dating show, hosted by Holly Willoughby, which puts the love lives of singletons in the hands of the people they know best – their mum and dad.

8.00 The X Factor. The stakes get ever higher as the remaining acts progress through to the third live round. As ever, each of the would-be stars is called to perform in front of judges Simon Cowell, Nicole Scherzinger, Louis Walsh and Sharon Osbourne, before Dermot O'Leary opens the public vote, giving the millions of viewers the opportunity to decide who they want to see returning next week. The results are tomorrow at 8pm.

9.50 The Jonathan Ross Show. The host is joined by Cold Feet stars James Nesbitt, John Thomson and Fay Ripley, who chat about the successful revival of the drama series. Jonathan also chats to comedian Joe Lycett, and Phil Collins, who will be performing in the studio.

10.55 ITV News; Weather.

11.15 Film: Carry On Cruising. (1962) The captain of a cruise ship is less than impressed with the bungling antics of five new recruits who have replaced his regular crew. Comedy, with Sid James.

12.50 Jackpot247. **3.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Gillette World Sport. **6.40** Motor Sport: 2016 FIA World Endurance Championship. **7.05** Motor Sport: Caterham. **7.35** Frasier. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. **10.55** The Simpsons. (R) **11.25** The Simpsons. (R) **11.55** The Simpsons. (R) **12.25** Sarah Beeny's Four Rooms. **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage of races from Doncaster, Cheltenham and Newbury. **4.20** Four in a Bed. **4.55** My Kitchen Rules UK. **5.50** The Crystal Maze SU2C Celebrity Special. (R)

6.45 Channel 4 News.

7.05 Hunt for the Arctic Ghost Ship. Cameras follow the multi-million-dollar expedition that discovered the Victorian ship HMS Erebus, intact and upright on the Arctic sea floor in September 2014. The story unfolds in the freezing Arctic, where search vessels battled with heavy sea-ice that threatened to stop the search entirely, to the dramatic chain of events that led to the historic discovery. (R)

8.00 Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson. Tony follows the Ridgeway from the Wiltshire Downs, through Berkshire and Oxfordshire, finally arriving on the banks of the Thames. Along the way, he visits a world-famous stone circle and explores an ancient burial chamber that is older than the pyramids, follows in the tracks of Celtic chariots, and discovers the story behind a white horse.

9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's version of the words and numbers quiz. Guest captain Richard Ayoade is joined by Rob Beckett, going up against Jon Richardson and Claudia Winkleman, with Adam Riches accompanying Susie Dent in Dictionary Corner and Rachel Riley dishing out the all-important consonants, vowels and numbers.

10.00 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. Steve Jones presents action from the battle for pole position in the 18th round of the season from the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas.

11.30 Film: Locke. (2013)

1.10 Film: The Great Beauty. (2013) **3.35** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.45** Food Unwrapped. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.35** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **11.10 Film:** Carry On Sergeant. (1958) **12.40 Film:** Carry On Regardless. (1961) Slapstick comedy, starring Sid James. **2.25** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **3.25** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords Revisited 2. (R) **4.25** Can't Pay Special: Big Family Bust Up. (R) **5.25** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)

6.20 NCIS. As Christmas approaches, the team works overtime to solve a robbery – a case made doubly difficult by the fact that the prime suspect has supposedly been dead for 17 years. (R)

7.05 NCIS. McGee is sent to a women's prison to interview a murder suspect, but ends up being captured by the inmates, who have run riot and seized control of a cell block, afraid they will be blamed for killing a guard. Held hostage as a bargaining chip, he tries to identify the real culprit before the warden takes drastic action to resolve the crisis. (R)

8.00 NCIS: New Orleans. Radio show DJ Kayla Anderson indirectly witnesses the murder of a US Navy captain when she hears him being shot dead over the phone during an on-air call. As the team investigates the first death, Kayla receives another call, this time from the shooter, indicating her life may be in danger too. Meanwhile, Pride's daughter Laurel returns home, having given up on her musical dream. Military crime drama, starring Scott Bakula.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games, including Aston Villa v Fulham at Villa Park, Huddersfield Town v Derby County at John Smith's Stadium, and Nottingham Forest v Cardiff City at The City Ground.

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce all the goals from the games in Leagues One and Two, including Bradford City v Sheffield United, and Blackpool v Doncaster Rovers.

10.30 Film: Redbelt. (2008) Premiere. Drama, starring Chiwetel Ejiofor.

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **4.00** Raw Recruits: Squaddies at 16. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Lost Kingdoms of South America **8.00** The Incredible Human Journey **9.00** The Code **10.55** Meat Loaf: In and Out of Hell **11.55** Heavy Metal Britannia **1.25** Top of the Pops: 1982 **2.35** Meat Loaf: In and Out of Hell **3.35** Close

ITV2
11.05 You've Been Framed! Gold **11.30 Film:** A Little Princess (1995) **12.30** FYI Daily **12.35 Film:** A Little Princess (1995) **1.25 Film:** Nim's Island (2008) **2.25** FYI Daily **2.30 Film:** Nim's Island (2008) **3.25 Film:** The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **4.25** FYI Daily **4.30 Film:** The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **5.15 Film:** King Kong (2005) **6.15** FYI Daily **6.20 Film:** King Kong (2005) **8.50** Scorpion **9.50** The Xtra Factor Live **10.20** Celebrity Juice **11.10** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **1.05 Film:** Final Destination (2000) **2.05** FYI Daily **2.10 Film:** Final Destination (2000) **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
11.25 FYI Daily **11.30 Film:** Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966) **12.10 Film:** Columbo: Double Shock (1973) **1.50** Rosemary & Thyme **3.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Lewis **11.00** Colditz **1.00** Wycliffe **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
12.00 Pawn Stars **1.25** British Superbike Championship Highlights **2.55 Film:** Cheyenne Autumn (1964) **3.55** FYI Daily **4.00 Film:** Cheyenne Autumn (1964) **6.00** Fishing Impossible **7.00** Fierce **8.00 Film:** Jackie Chan's First Strike (1996) **9.05** FYI Daily **9.10 Film:** Jackie Chan's First Strike (1996) **9.50 Film:** Rumble in the Bronx (1995) **10.50** FYI Daily **10.55 Film:** Rumble in the Bronx (1995) **11.35 Film:** McVicar (1980) **12.40** FYI Daily **12.45 Film:** McVicar (1980) **1.50** Car Crash Global **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen

E4
11.30 Black-ish **2.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **4.00** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **4.15 Film:** Stuart Little (1999) **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter (2012) **11.05** Gogglebox **12.10** The Inbetweeners **1.20** Rude Tube **3.20** Gogglebox **4.10** The Mindy Project

Film4
1.00 The House of Magic (2013) **2.40** A Monster in Paris (2011) **4.25** Fletch (1985) **6.30** A League of Their Own (1992) **9.00** The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (2013) **11.15** Wanted (2008) **1.25** Madhouse (2004) **3.15** Close

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CHOICE

Virginia McKenna

Virginia McKenna's Born Free
(Channel 4, 7pm)
The actress returns to the Kenyan locations of the classic movie about a lion being reared by humans to mark its 50th anniversary. Virginia shares her experiences of working alongside wild lions for nine months, revealing how she was able to earn the animals' trust, and reflects on how the film changed public perceptions of wildlife. The programme examines the political backdrop of the film, with footage of Kenya officially gaining independence from British imperial rule.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** Points of View. **3.15** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **4.15** Songs of Praise. **4.50** Attenborough & the Giant Dinosaur. (R) **5.50** BBC News.

6.05 Regional Programme.

6.15 Countryfile. Anita Rani visits Britain's first commercial walnut harvest in Somerset, while Matt Baker meets a man in East Sussex who spends half of each year living off grid in a tree house made of recycled wood. A botanist reveals how he uses time-lapse filming to record fungi growing, Naomi Wilkinson discovers how conkers became a valuable resource during the First World War, and chef Cyrus Todiwala prepares Indian style sausages using rare breed woodland pork. Including weather for the week ahead.

7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present the results of last night's contest, and the two lowest scoring couples compete in a dance-off. LeAnn Rimes is this week's guest singer.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team value more rarities at Baddesley Clinton, near Solihull, including a rare silver box and a painting entitled The Nudist Colony's Annual Dinner Dance.

9.00 Poldark. Ross and Dwight face trial after the disastrous smuggling incident. George continues to send men to make Elizabeth feel threatened – then offers to help if she will marry him.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman presents Premier League highlights, including Chelsea v Manchester United at Stamford Bridge, as Jose Mourinho returned to the club where he won three league titles.

11.30 Film: Eagle Eye. (2008) Two strangers go on the run from the authorities after receiving phone calls warning their lives are in danger. Thriller, with Shia LaBeouf.

1.15 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.00** Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **7.45** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.45** Countryfile. (R) **9.45** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.15** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.45** Food & Drink. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Great British Menu. (R) **1.30** Great British Menu. (R) **2.00** American Football: NFL Live. New York Giants v Los Angeles Rams (Kick-off 2.30pm).

6.00 Who's Spending Britain's Billions? Jacques Peretti looks beyond the well-known budgets of schools, hospitals and foreign aid to the range of taxation projects the public know less about. Peretti finds that local councils across the UK are signing contracts with management consultancy firms who can take a percentage of any savings they find. He also reveals that hundreds of the millions of taxpayers' pounds spent on these contracts are covered by confidential deals, meaning very little detail is known about them. In this revealing insight, Peretti asks if the public deserves to know more about how those charged with managing the nation's billions are spending it. (R)

7.00 Inside Obama's White House. The story of how Barack Obama resolved to reform the healthcare system in the United States, despite stern opposition from the Republicans and within his own party. (R)

8.00 Horizon: The Wildest Weather in the Universe. Scientists conducting research into weather on other planets, who have discovered strange phenomena including rains of precious stones, supersonic winds and world-spanning storms.

9.00 Wild West: America's Great Frontier. The series concludes with a journey along America's West coast, exploring the impact of the ocean on the landscape and animals gathering in the Sea of Cortez. Last in the series.

10.00 Mock the Week. Angela Barnes, Ed Byrne, Ed Gamble, Ivo Graham and Romesh Ranganathan join host Dara O Briain and regular Hugh Dennis. (R)

10.35 QI XL.

11.20 Film: Downfall. (2004)

1.45 Sign Zone: Aberfan: The Fight for Justice. (R) **2.45** Countryfile. (R) **3.40** Holby City. (R) **4.40** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Sooty. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Super 4. (R) **7.15** Oddbods. (R) **7.25** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.30** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Looped. **8.30** Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Bear Grylls Survival School. **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy. (R) **11.25** Chopping Block. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** The X Factor. (R) **2.30** Midsomer Murders. (R) **4.30** Tipping Point. (R) **5.30** Doc Martin. (R)

6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 The Chase Celebrity Special. Bradley Walsh presents as celebrity contestants Angellica Bell, Oritse Williams, Leslie Ash and Ian Lavender pit their wits against ruthless quiz genius the Chaser in the hope of winning a potential prize pot worth thousands of pounds. They must work as a team and play strategically to answer general knowledge questions against the clock and race down the game board to the exit without being caught.

8.00 The X Factor. Dermot O'Leary presents the results of last night's live show, revealing which acts are safely through to the next round. The two lowest scoring contestants compete in a sing-off in front of judges Simon Cowell, Nicole Scherzinger, Sharon Osbourne and Louis Walsh to decide who gets to stay in the competition and who gets eliminated.

9.00 Tutankhamun. Carter returns to the Valley of the Kings to complete his search as the First World War draws to a close, but has to contend with Anti-British sentiment sweeping across Egypt.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine. (R)

11.15 Murder, She Wrote. (R)

12.10 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 Shipping Wars. **6.40** Shipping Wars. **7.05** Frasier. (R) **7.30** Frasier. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Posh Pawnbrokers. **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. Comedian Jack Whitehall joins the hosts. (R) **1.30 Film:** Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events. (2004) Comedy adventure, starring Jim Carrey. **3.35** Child Genius vs Celebrities: SU2C Special. Richard Osman hosts a quiz show featuring gifted youngsters. (R) **4.35 Film:** Sister Act. (1992) Nightclub singer Deloris Van Cartier agrees to testify against her gangster boyfriend after witnessing a murder. Placed in protective custody by the authorities, she is less than pleased to discover she is expected to pose as chaste nun Sister Mary Clarence in a convent. Comedy, starring Whoopi Goldberg, Harvey Keitel, Maggie Smith, Bill Nunn and Kathy Najimy. Edited for language.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Virginia McKenna's Born Free. The actress recalls the making of the classic movie.

8.00 Great Canal Journeys. New series. Timothy West and Prunella Scales take a trip to Bristol, where Timothy is soon to play King Lear at the Old Vic theatre. They both revisit the Devon homes they spent their childhoods in during the Second World War and board a replica of a 15th-century tall ship and a paddle steamer. Pru shares her memories of meeting evacuees from London in the small fishing village of Bucks Mills.

9.00 Film: The Grand Budapest Hotel. (2014) Premiere. An old man tells a journalist the story of his youth as a lobby boy at a hotel in Eastern Europe in the 1930s. He was taken under the wing of the establishment's dashing concierge, and is drawn into his misadventures as he becomes involved in a conflict over a valuable painting. Wes Anderson's comedy drama, starring Ralph Fiennes.

11.00 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix Highlights. Steve Jones presents action from the 18th round of the season at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas.

1.00 Film: Baggage Claim. (2013) Romantic comedy, with Paula Patton. **2.35** Food Unwrapped. (R) **3.05** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Milkshake! Monkey. **6.05** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **6.10** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.25** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.40** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.50** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.00** Pets. (R) **7.05** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.20** Pip Ahoy! (R) **7.40** Little Princess. (R) **7.55** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.15** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.40** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **9.30** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **10.00** Great South Run. **12.05** The Gadget Show. (R) **1.05** Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops. (R) **1.35 Film:** Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son. (2011) Comedy, with Martin Lawrence. **3.40 Film:** Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore. (2010) Comedy sequel, starring Chris O'Donnell. **5.15** Now That's Funny!

6.15 Film: Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls. (1995) The eccentric pet detective is coaxed out of self-imposed exile in a Buddhist monastery to visit Africa and help search for a sacred white bat. However, his unique investigative talents are tested to the limits as he faces a race against time to find the missing creature and prevent a tribal war. Comedy sequel, starring Jim Carrey, Simon Callow and Bob Gunton. Edited for sex and language. Includes 5 News Update at 7.15pm.

8.00 Ice Road Truckers. Ice road rookie Mike attempts his first solo delivery, while Lisa and Darrell secure a high-stakes mission to deliver some urgently needed electrical transformers to a distant town.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Film: Need for Speed. (2014) Premiere. A street racer is betrayed by a friend, and ends up being framed for causing a death during an illegal contest. Two years later, he is released from prison and returns to the underground racing circuit with revenge in mind. Action adventure based on the video game, starring Aaron Paul, Dominic Cooper, Imogen Poots and Michael Keaton. Includes 5 News Update at 10pm.

11.30 Film: Takers. (2010) Six bank robbers plan a lucrative armoured car robbery, but a determined police officer is closing in on them. Crime thriller, starring Paul Walker, Matt Dillon and Idris Elba.

1.30 SuperCasino. **3.10** The Yorkshire Vet. (R) **4.00** Criminals Caught On Camera. (R) **4.50** House Doctor. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 British Art at War: Bomberg, Sickert and Nash **8.00** Aberfan: The Green Hollow **9.00** Aberfan: A Concert to Remember **10.00** Arena: The Roundhouse – The People's Palace **11.00** Pink Floyd Beginnings 1967 – 1972 **12.00** Horizon: Dinosaurs – The Hunt for Life **1.00** Oak Tree: Nature's Greatest Survivor **2.30** British Art at War: Bomberg, Sickert and Nash **3.30** Close

ITV2

1.15 You've Been Framed! Gold **1.45** I'm a Celeb: Junglicious Moments **2.45 Film:** See Spot Run (2001) **3.45** FYI Daily **3.50 Film:** See Spot Run (2001) **4.40 Film:** Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) **5.40** FYI Daily **5.45 Film:** Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) **6.25 Film:** Twilight (2008) **7.25** FYI Daily **7.30 Film:** Twilight (2008) **9.00** The Xtra Factor Live **10.00** Family Guy **11.55** American Dad! **12.55** The Cleveland Show **1.45** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

12.30 Lewis **2.25 Film:** Columbo: The Greenhouse Jungle (1972) **4.05 Film:** Carry On Henry (1971) **5.05** FYI Daily **5.10 Film:** Carry On Henry (1971) **5.55** Rosemary & Thyme **7.00** Lewis **9.00** Rising Damp Forever **10.00** A Touch of Frost **12.10** Inspector Morse **2.15** The Kindness of Strangers **3.25** May the Best House Win **5.10** You're Only Young Twice

ITV4

1.00 Monster Carp **2.05** Cash Cowboys **4.00** Storage Wars: Texas **4.35** Storage Wars: Texas **5.00** Counting Cars **6.00** Pawn Stars **9.00 Film:** Last Man Standing (1996) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10 Film:** Last Man Standing (1996) **11.10 Film:** 30 Days of Night (2007) **12.10** FYI Daily **12.15 Film:** 30 Days of Night (2007) **1.20** Fishing Impossible **2.15** Hell on Wheels **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

3.35 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **3.50** The Big Bang Theory **6.45 Film:** The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (2010) **9.00** Tattoo Fixers: Stand Up to Cancer **10.05** Crazyhead **11.10** The Inbetweeners **12.55** Gogglebox **1.55** Tattoo Fixers: Stand Up to Cancer **2.55** Body Fixers **3.45** Hollyoaks

Film4

1.00 Fantastic Mr Fox (2009) **2.40** Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (2011) **4.40** City of Ember (2008) **6.30** Life of Pi (2012) **9.00** Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (2003) **11.40** Piranha 3DD (2012) **1.20** Sanctum (2011) **3.35** Close

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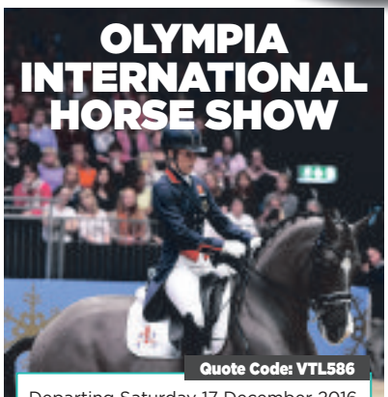

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

Cradle 2 the Grave, Channel 5, 11.05pm

A Taiwanese undercover agent helps a master jewel thief track down the international crimelord who has kidnapped his daughter and is using her as a bargaining chip to obtain a cache of rare black diamonds. Action thriller, starring Jet Li, DMX, Mark Dacascos, Tom Arnold and Gabrielle Union. (2003)

TUESDAY

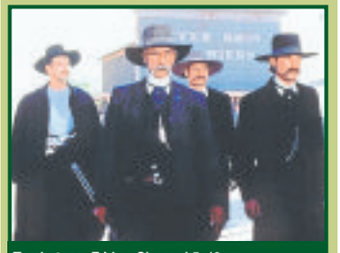
A Father's Secret, Channel 5, 3.15pm

Ambitious young attorney Carrie aspires to become a partner like her fiance, and eagerly accepts a billion-dollar wrongful death case in a bid to improve her standing in the legal profession. Thriller, starring Willa Ford. (2016)

WEDNESDAY

The Scorpion King, ITV, 10.45pm

A ruthless warlord resolves to rid the desert of its few remaining tribes, prompting them to seek the help of a legendary assassin to end the despot's reign of terror by destroying his source of power – a beautiful but deadly sorceress. Fantasy action adventure, starring Dwayne Johnson, Steven Brand ans Kelly Hu. (2002)



Tombstone, Friday, Channel 5, 10pm

THURSDAY

Tanu Weds Manu Returns, Channel 4, 1.10am

Sequel to the 2011 movie Tanu Weds Manu. The couple are living in London but have grown bored with each other, so Tanu returns to India, begins divorce proceedings and returns to her flirtatious ways. Romantic comedy, starring R Madhavan and Kangana Ranaut. In Hindi with English subtitles. (2015)

FRIDAY

Tombstone, Channel 5, 10pm

Renowned marshal Wyatt Earp becomes a professional gambler in the town of Tombstone, but is forced out of his retirement to take on a gang of hellraising villains no one else is prepared to stand up to. Joining forces with his brothers and drunken gunslinger Doc Holliday, he gets ready to face them in a showdown at the OK Corral. Western, starring Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer, Bill Paxton, Sam Elliott, Michael Biehn and Charlton Heston. (1993)

PICK OF THE WEEK

The final is set to end in tiers all round

When it was announced earlier in 2016 that The Great British Bake Off was moving to Channel 4, for many that was the final (cheese) straw.

In a year when we had to say goodbye to British legends Terry Wogan, David Bowie, Victoria Wood and Alan Rickman, as well as the shock Brexit result, the loss of one of the best loved shows on BBC One was too much to bear.

After series seven, no longer would we get to experience that twinkle in Mary Berry's eye as the whiff of a boozy cake wafted under her nose.

The thought of losing Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins was also horrific. The Light Lunch veterans provided a shoulder to cry on when the cookies didn't crumble the way contestants had hoped, or souffles collapsed like a bouncy castle's close encounter with a stiletto heel.

Obviously as the Beeb is paid for by the license fee, the thought of spending a fortune to keep it on an advert-free channel proved richer than a fruit sponge for the powers-that-be.

So, like former Beeb favourites Morecambe and Wise and The Voice UK, it will head for the land of ad breaks.

Though many might disagree, this has been one of the best years so far for invention, daring and downright nail-biting entertainment.

Who could forget Candice Brown's edible pub, or dazzling marzipan peacock?

Certainly not the millions of fans who were marvelling over her creativity while wondering where she got her inspiring ranges of lipstick.

Then there's Selasi Gbormittah, the Londoner who was the epitome of calm under pressure. His culinary creations also took the breath away.

And who didn't marvel at the work of Andrew Smyth, the Eddie Redmayne lookalike whose bakes were often Oscar worthy – if there was an award for most mouthwatering creations?

There were so many other contestants in this series who measured, whisked, stirred and kneaded while making silent prayers by their respective ovens that the silver fox would give his approval.

Yes, Paul Hollywood, the only GBBO veteran preparing to make the leap to Channel 4, has long been the hardest to please in this contest. Though Ms Berry summations have seemed spot on, Liverpool's most fearsome baking expert has never suffered fools gladly.

So whoever wins this edition, those final trials will be anything but a piece of cake.

But before the victor is announced around 8.55pm, spare a thought for all those incredible contestants who have won our hearts over the past six years.

Edd Kimber, Joanne Wheatley, John Whaite, Frances Quinn, Nancy Birtwhistle and Nadiya Hussain may have all clinched victory, but also rans such as Ruby Tandoh and occasional 5 Live contributor Flora Shedden often proved to be just as entertaining.

With talk of a new BBC baking show featuring Mel and Sue, let's hope that whatever happens for the splintered GBBO team, things don't end here.

The Great British Bake Off: The Final, Wednesday, BBC1, 8pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Autumnwatch 2016

BBC2, 8pm

It's not hard to see why Chris Packham and Michaela Strachan's nature series have become so popular. Aside from the often stunning footage of wildlife at different times of the year, there's the added bonuses of celebrity guests giving us their takes on the findings, and the dry putdowns of Packham when they deliver their artwork. As the new run begins, Chris, Michaela and Martin Hughes-Games are at Dorset's RSPB's Arne nature reserve, where they survey the local wildlife preparing for winter.

Saving Africa's Elephants: Hugh and the Ivory War

BBC1, 9pm

Every day more than 80 elephants are killed in Africa for their ivory, with experts warning that the African elephant could be extinct in the wild within 25 years if that rate continues. In this two-part documentary, Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall goes on a mission to find out how this illegal trade can be stopped, beginning in the poaching hotspot of northern Mozambique. Hugh follows the trail through the Kenyan port of Mombasa to one of the busiest ivory markets in the world – Hong Kong.

TUESDAY

Ordinary Lies

BBC1, 9pm

After finding a note in her boyfriend Neil's pocket, personal assistant Holly convinces herself that he's having second thoughts about their relationship. Desperately unhappy and anxious, she starts to reminisce about her old flame, Adam Carver. Discovering that he is newly single, Holly assumes a new online identity to try and win back his affection. Meanwhile, newly divorced Ally is ecstatic when intern Ash asks her out on an official date. Drama, starring Kimberley Nixon.

WEDNESDAY

Little British Isles with Alison Steadman

Channel 4, 8pm

Alison travels across the English Channel to discover more about the idyllic life found on the Channel Islands. In Jersey, she dives into their cultural traditions and helps inseminate the iconic Jersey cow, and finds out more about how this island continues to hold onto its own traditional values. On Alderney, Alison discovers more about the abundance of wildlife found on the island.

Him

ITV, 9pm

After losing control of his powers and almost destroying his father's house, HIM's parents struggle to work out what is best for their son. His relationship with his step-sister Faith is pushed to its limits as he continues to fight his feelings for her, adding extra strain to his already unstable emotional state. Meanwhile, HIM discovers some unnerving truths about his grandfather's inherited powers after a visit to his grandmother's.

The Apprentice, Thursday, BBC1, 9pm

THURSDAY

The Apprentice

BBC1, 9pm

For their latest task, Alan Sugar summons the candidates to the Draper's Hall, where he informs them they are entering the luxury retail business, with each team taking over an area of world-famous department store Liberty of London. Over the course of two days, they must provide a personal shopping service for some of the capital's most discerning customers.

FRIDAY

Secrets of Great British Castles

Channel 5, 8pm

Historian Dan Jones begins a new run of the series in Edinburgh. These days, the city's stunning castle is a well-known landmark, but it has had a traumatic past and is widely thought to be Britain's most besieged stronghold. Its hilltop location made it the ideal place for an Iron Age base, and the spot has housed a military facility ever since; it is also Scotland's most popular paid tourist destination and an event that took place there is said to have inspired the Red Wedding in Game of Thrones. Jones also discovers that the castle was the target of the world's first aerial bombing.

Still Game

BBC1, 9.30pm

Jack and Victor become unlikely marriage guidance counsellors when Fergie's head is turned by beautiful redhead, Kayleigh. While his wife of just one year, Sinead, is blissfully unaware her husband is lusting after another, Jack and Victor share their wisdoms about modern women's needs with Fergie. However, their well-meaning advice proves to be less than helpful. Meanwhile, Navid and Boabby job-swap to prove who has the cushiest career. Comedy, starring Ford Kiernan and Greg Hemphill.

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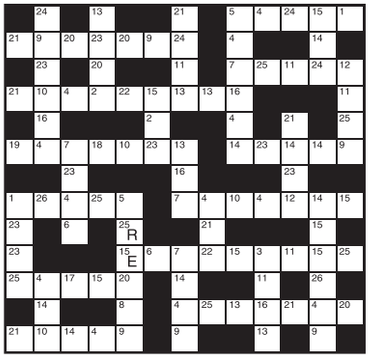

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

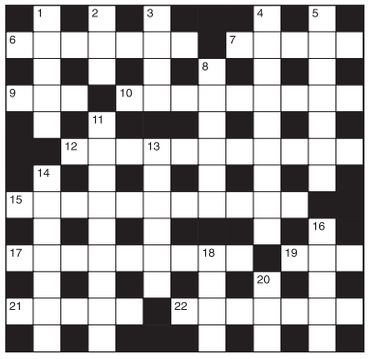
Cryptic Clues:

Across

6. Sum invested in chief city (7)
7. Craftsman, mother and boy (5)
9. See 20 Down
10. Making comments on the teacher's second correction of the work (9)
12. Sly when short of workers? (11)
15. Off the cuff, formerly not being intended to last (11)
17. Grief's fun when in pain? (9)
19. Little Dorothy returns in custody (3)
21. Live amicably in order to prosper? (3,2)
22. Again poetry can cause a setback (7)

Down

1. Request male to leave fruit (5)
2. Got teeth into a piece (3)
3. Strain of people in athletic competition (4)
4. Support first attempt on the rear door? (4,5)
5. A reckoner in the shop? (7)
8. Metal disc for getting clothes clean (6)
11. Less than 12 inches being trodden on (9)
13. Specialist was formerly saucy (6)
14. Egghead has 90 applications for apologies (7)
16. Raise one in the throng (5)
18. A requirement of Eden (4)
20 & 9Ac. The males grow old in this household (6)



Quick Clues:

Across

6. Lasting (7)
7. Deluge (5)
9. Not many (3)
10. Shelter (4,5)
12. Poor (11)
15. Valise (11)
17. Razed (9)
19. Concealed (3)
21. Condescend (5)
22. Narration (7)

Down

1. Silent (5)
2. Manner (3)
3. Entreaty (4)
4. Unreasonable (9)
5. Sad (7)
8. Outcome (6)
11. Copy (9)
13. Dodged (6)
14. Defile (7)
16. Demon (5)
18. Apiece (4)
20. Lad (3)

Sudoku

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Bard; 3 Moribund; 8 Brag; 9 Flashing; 11 Humiliations; 13 On time; 14 Scorer; 17 Raise the roof; 20 Nobleman; 21 Dine; 22 Pressing; 23 Ages. Down: 1 Babyhood; 2 Readmit; 4 Oilcan; 5 In stitches; 6 Union; 7 Dogs; 10 Old masters; 12 Triflers; 15 Rioting; 16 Strain; 18 Amble; 19 Snap. QUICK - Across: 1 Drop; 3 Wretched; 8 Safe; 9 Corridor; 11 Excursionist; 13 Strive; 14 Victor; 17 Amelioration; 20 Calendar; 21 Sure; 22 Nonsense; 23 Deny. Down: 1 Dispense; 2 Officer; 4 Rookie; 5 Tyrannical; 6 Hades; 7 Dark; 10 Prevalence; 12 Princely; 15 Tribute; 16 Morass; 18 Melon; 19 Scan.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. Which book is also called the Book of Changes?
2. From which bean is chocolate obtained?
3. In which country did John Bull compose the British national anthem?
4. Which Labour leader's middle names were Todd Naylor?
5. How many riders take part in a speedway heat?
6. In which city did the St Valentine's Day Massacre take place?
7. With what is the Weddell Sea usually covered?
8. What is the longest river in Scotland?
9. WIth which motor-racing team did Damon Hill become Formula One champion?
10. What type of creature is a merganser?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Doorways and passages;

2 Malcolm Bradbury; 3 A whale; 4 Polaris;

5 Walter Scott; 6 John Updike; 7 Three;

8 March 17; 9 Atlantic; 10 John.

Niner: DOCTRINES

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

6321 gives a painter,
82539 gives a composer,
1793411 gives another composer.

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Lots Tor write home about after stay in Darwin Forest

The lovely pool to help holidays go swimmingly inside Evolution Health & Fitness

Pine lodges nestled in among the trees at Darwin Forest, near Matlock

By Graeme Andrew

FOR the perfect get-away-from-it-all holiday, in the heart of one of the most beautiful parts of the country, look no further than Darwin Forest Country Park near Matlock.

Bringing nature to the fore, luxurious facilities and backed by an enviable ecological ethos, this beautiful 44-acre park of pine lodges – set among some of the most spectacular landscapes in Britain – is ideal for both families and couples, looking for a break to remember.

Just stepping out of the car on arrival, immediately the freshness in the air took my breath away as I gazed upon rabbits scuttling around in the undergrowth. Then into the lodge itself, one of 100 sparingly dotted around the park, with enough space between to offer a real feeling of comfortable isolation – unlike some holiday parks where you can see what your neighbours are eating for breakfast.

Membership

Beautifully kitted out with all the mod-cons you will ever need, the lodges provide five-star self-catering luxury with a surprising amount of space, and if you are so inclined, a hot-tub all to yourself. Darwin Forest is a perfect base for touring and my wife and I had already taken advantage of our National Trust membership and visited Hardwick Hall before our arrival.

The highlights? An amazing walk, a huge pot of tea, and a stumpery in the lovely gardens – yes, a Victorian idea of building a unique wilderness around tree trunks with their gnarled shapes, Alan Titchmarsh would be proud.

We opted for a couple of walks during our stay, which at some points became scrambles, with a fair few hundred feet either side of us, but stunning nevertheless – Mam Tor at Castleton and the thrilling Chrome Hill, near Hollinsclough.

The majestic Mam Tor, near Castleton, also called the Shivering Mountain, following landslides

It was particularly surreal to come across what was described as 'the broken road' near Mam Tor – basically a landslide some years ago put paid to Castleton having a main road out of the village after it collapsed and pedestrians now have access to this unique experience of walking on something akin to a disaster movie film set.

We interspersed our exertions with excursions to Matlock Bath and the Heights of Abraham – a must-see, considering our location; along with visits to the charming Chesterfield and Buxton, with it's pretty Pavilion Gardens.

But the beauty of Darwin Forest is the vast spectrum of facilities and activities on offer, so that if you're not in the mood for tootling around and just want to spend time among the pines, there is plenty to do.

There are superb leisure facilities available, a lovely swimming pool, well-stocked gym as well as beauty treatments, with my other half opting for the de-stress massage session, and she gave that a big thumbs-up, having been trained as a masseuse herself. There is plenty to offer for the youngsters, with its Little Monkeys play area and the Activity Den that has arcade games, table tennis, air hockey and pool tables, to keep the bigger kids happy.

Everywhere you look there is a real feeling of everything being in its right place, with lovely décor for instance in the Foresters bar and restaurant, plus the Explorers café – perfectly complementing the unique surroundings. Families with dogs are welcome too and there are plenty of trails for walking and cycling, with bikes also for hire. An all-weather tennis court and mini-golf course is available for the more sporty types.

Finally, we did try the Trim Trak – a trail including a few physical challenges along the way! I thank the lord that there was no CCTV to record my attempts at the monkey bars and climbing wall, where it took all my gumption, despite scaling the heights of the Peak District, to come down the other side, sliding down a 10ft high wooden bar!

Still, at least the rabbits had a good laugh...

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An immaculately presented four-bed extended property

An immaculately presented four bedroomed property, 11 Bamford Road, Bloxwich is for sale through Paul Carr at £295,000 with no chain.

It has an entrance hallway, a lounge, a kitchen/dining room, a utility, conservatory, guest WC, a storage room, four bedrooms, a bathroom, rear garden and driveway parking.

"This immaculately presented detached property would make an ideal family home and an early viewing is highly recommended," said a spokesman for the selling agents.

Set behind a good sized driveway with gated access to the rear, the home is accessed via a front doorway which leads into the welcoming hallway. This has composite oak flooring that continues through into the superb lounge which has a gas fire with a beautiful Cotswold stone fireplace.

The impressive kitchen/diner is bathed in light from a large feature window and there are a range of wall and base units, granite worktops and a selection of integrated appliances including two fridge freezers, a double oven, a combination microwave/steam oven, a coffee machine, a wine cooler, a dishwasher and an induction hob with extractor over.

Completing the ground floor there is a utility, storage room, a guest WC and a large conservatory overlooking the rear garden.

To the first floor there are four bedrooms, three of which are generous doubles and the superb bathroom with a WC, wash basin, shower cubicle and bath with TV inset.

Outside there is a beautifully maintained rear garden with lawned and paved areas, outdoor lighting and power sockets.

"This is a greatly extended and improved four bedroom detached house with high quality, contemporary interiors, being offered with no upward chain," added the spokesman.

Paul Carr is the largest estate agent and letting agent in the West Midlands with offices covering Birmingham, Walsall, Sutton Coldfield, Great Wyrley, Lichfield and Burntwood.

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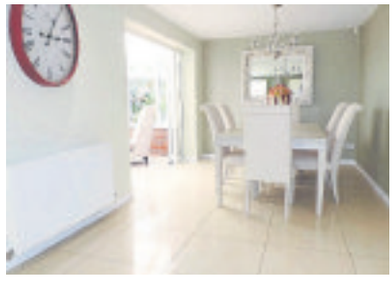

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It also has two reception rooms, utility room, master en-suite, downstairs study, far reaching views, double garage.

The lounge has an open fire with a feature brick built surround and laminate flooring, the dining room has laminate flooring and an open fire, and there is a downstairs WC.

The master bedroom has a dressing room as well as an en-suite.

Outside, the garden is to the side of the property.

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Modern apartment is an ideal first buy

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£42,995

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The remaining 60 per cent, including service charge and ground rent, is believed to be £205 pcm, said a spokesman for the selling agent, C Residential.

In brief the accommodation comprises of a communal hallway, hallway, an open plan lounge/kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom.

It also has gas central heating and double glazing.

The open plan lounge/kitchen has a range of base and wall units, a sink and splash-backs, space for appliances and an integrated electric oven, hob and extractor hood. One of the bedrooms has a storage cupboard. There is parking across the road.

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This charming four-bedroomed detached house in Broad Oaks, Stafford, lies to the south of the town.

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The property is well presented throughout and represents a good family home.

The internal accommodation

STAFFORD

£255,000

briefly comprises an entrance hall, a lounge with an attractive feature fireplace and a bay window which faces the front, a dining room which has views of the rear garden, a fitted kitchen with modern light-wood effect units and contrasting working surfaces and splash-back and floor tiling, a utility, WC, four bedrooms and family bathroom with a white suite.

Outside there are pleasant front and rear gardens and a garage providing parking and storage.

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Well presented three bedroom semi detached house / Situated in a sought after location / Spacious open plan lounge-diner /

£170,000

The Lindens
RUGELEY

Three bedroom town house / Quiet cul-de-sac / Modern kitchen-diner / Integral garage and a private double driveway / Top floor master bedroom with en-suite

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Chapel Street
HEATH HAYES

Semi detached character property / Large rear garden ideal for entertaining / Modern breakfast kitchen and bathroom / Two double bedrooms with w/c to the master

£140,000

Hednesford Road
NORTON CANES

Two bedroom character property / Fantastic semi rural location / Rolling views of the countryside to the front & rear / Newly modern fitted kitchen & bathroom

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Well Lane
GREAT WYRLEY

Two bedroom mid- terrace house / Good sized lounge-diner / Modern kitchen / Extended private rear garden / Driveway for two vehicles

£130,000

Gorsemoor Road
HEATH HAYES

Well presented two bedroom semi detached house / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Modern open plan breakfast kitchen / Two double bedrooms / Part converted loft with insulation darkroom / Driveway for off

£130,000

Brunswick Road
CANNOCK

Immaculately presented two bedroom semi-detached house / Distinctly modern & contemporary feel / Open plan lounge diner / High specification kitchen and bathroom

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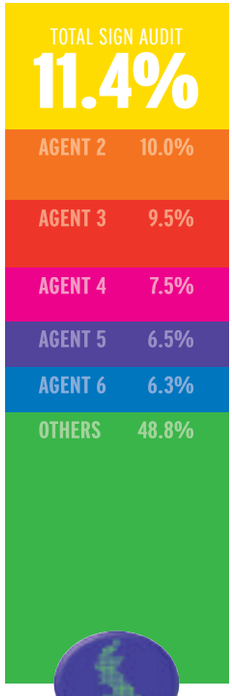

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Rawnsley Road
RAWNSLEY

Traditional mid terraced house / Superb semi rural location / Picturesque views of Cannock Chase / Four good sized bedrooms / Useful cellar

Offers in Excess of £125,000

Watling Street
BRIDGTOWN

Three bedroom semi detached bungalow / Potential building plot / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Victorian conservatory / Large rear garden / Driveway for several vehicles

£125,000

Shaftesbury Drive
HEDNESFORD

Extended three bedroom semi-detached house / Spacious living and Sleeping accommodation / Victorian conservatory / Views of Hednesford Hills to the rear

Offers in Excess of £125,000

Anglesey Street
HEDNESFORD

Two Bedroom End Terraced House / Stunning Communal Gardens / Exclusive Private Mews Development / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation / Modern Kitchen & Bathroom

£125,000

Hunter Road
CANNOCK

Extended & well presented three bedroom semi-detached house / Large conservatory / Open plan dining kitchen / Good size rear garden

£120,000

Bath Road
CANNOCK

Well presented two bedroom semi-detached house / modern fitted kitchen and bathroom / spacious accommodation / private rear garden / parking for two vehicles / NO ONWARD CHAIN

Offers in Excess of £120,000

Acorn Close
HEATH HAYES

Three bedroom mid terraced house / Good sized living and sleeping accommodation / Modern open plan kitchen-diner and bathroom / Private rear garden and allocated parking

Offers in Excess of £120,000

Odin Close
CANNOCK

Extended three bedroom semi detached house / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Modern kitchen & bathroom / Private rear garden and driveway.

£110,000

Foster Avenue
HEDNESFORD

Three bedroom semi detached house / Two spacious reception rooms / Modern kitchen / Very large private rear garden / Driveway providing off road parking

Offers in Excess of £110,000

Sandpiper Close
HEDNESFORD

Two Bedroom Mid Terraced House / Quiet Cul-De-Sac / Spacious Lounge / Freshly Decorated Throughout / Modern Kitchen-Diner / Off Road Parking / Private Rear Garden

Offers in the Region Of £110000

John Street
WIMBLEBURY

three bedroom mid terraced house / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Spacious lounge-diner / Breakfast kitchen / Detached garage

Offers in Excess of £99,000

Longacres
HEDNESFORD

First floor maisonette / Quiet cul-de-sac / Solid oak flooring / Modern kitchen & shower room / Single garage and driveway

Offers in Excess of £80,000

Jenkinstown Road
HAZEL SLADE

One bedroom first floor maisonette / ●●●NO ONWARD CHAIN●●● / Picturesque semi rural area of Hazel Slade / Walking distance of a fishery, nature reserve and Cannock Chase /

Offers in Excess of £80,000

Lupin Drive
HUNTINGTON

Well presented modern two bedroom first floor apartment / Ideal for first time buyers & investors / Available for 40% shared ownership / lounge-diner & kitchen / Allocated parking & communal gardens

Shared Ownership £42,000

Price Street
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NEW

Brereton Road, Rugeley

A Three Bedroom Semi-Detached House

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Large Gardens
- Parking

£195000

REDUCED

Chapelside, Rugeley

A Two Bedroom End Terrace House

- Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen and Family Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Parking

£122,500

REDUCED

Tunnicliffe Drive, Rugeley

Three Bedroom Semi-Detached House

- UPVC Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating
- Lounge and Dining Room
- Kitchen and Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Shared Driveway and Detached Garage

£129,950

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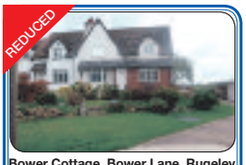

Bower Cottage, Bower Lane, Rugeley

A two bedroom tradition semi-detached cottage

- UPVC Double Glazed/LPG central heating
- Lounge/Dining room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Triple garage/Workshop

£245,000

Thinking of Selling?

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£849

REDUCED

The Beeches, Rugeley

A Two Bedroom Detatched Bungalow

- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge and Dining Room
- Shower Room
- Low Maintenance Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage

£179,950

Redmond Close, Rugeley

A Five Bedroom Extended Link-Detached House

- UPVC Double Glazing/Gas central Heating
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Garage & Ample Parking

£210,000

Somerset Avenue, Rugeley

A Three Bedroom Semi-Detached House

- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Ground Floor WC
- Conservatory
- Garage and Driveway
- Front and Rear Gardens

£179,950

Arden Close, Rugeley

Three bedroomed semi-detached

- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Ground floor WC
- Conservatory
- Lounge and 2nd Lounge
- Workshop/Utility

£124,950

LET

Winstanley Place, Rugeley

Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace House

- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Lounge/Dinging Room
- Fitted Kitchen & Family Bathroom
- Enclosed Front & Rear Gardens
- Parking to Rear

£550 PCM

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LET

Hednesford Road

A Four/Five Bedroom Three Storey Town House

- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Dining Room & Utility
- Kitchen & Lounge
- Downstairs WC & 2 upper en-suites
- Enclosed Rear Garden

£750 PCM

TO LET

Keystone Mews, Rugeley

A One Bedroom First Floor Flat

- Electric Heating
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking

£425PCM

TO LET

Hawkhurst Drive, Hill Ridware

A Three Bedroom Mews Cottage

- Gas Central Heating
- Downstairs Toilet
- Family Bathroom & One En-Suite Shower Room
- Rear Garden
- Two Allocated Parking Spaces

£550 PCM

TO LET

Church Lane, Rugeley

A Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow

- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Family Bathroom & Fitted Kitcxhen
- Sweeping Driveway
- Extensive gardens to Front & Rear

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PROPERTY

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An immaculately presented detached property, 11 Bamford Road, Bloxwich, is ideal for a family.

It is for sale through Paul Carr at £295,000.

Set behind a good sized driveway with gated access to the rear, the absolutely lovely property is accessed via a doorway which leads into the welcoming hallway

BLOXWICH

£295,000

with composite oak flooring that continues through into the superb lounge which has a gas fire with beautiful Cotswold stone fireplace.

The impressive kitchen/diner is bathed in light from a large feature window and there is a range of wall and base units and granite worktops.

There is also a beautifully maintained rear garden with lawned and paved areas, outdoor lighting and power sockets.

For further information or to arrange an early viewing, contact Paul Carr on 01922 701001 or visit www.paulcarrestateagents.co.uk

Three-storey new build is on a popular development

BROWNHILLS

£168,995 >>>

This highly appealing three-bedroomed three storey new build in Waterside Place, Brownhills, includes a superb contemporary kitchen/diner with appliances and a master bedroom with an en-suite and dressing room/study off.

It is for sale through Goodchilds at £168,995 with no chain.

The Fairbourne in the popular Waterside Place development is a fantastic three-storey three bedroom semi with a superb lounge, separate fitted kitchen/diner and downstairs cloakroom.

Two bedrooms and a bathroom are on the first floor, with the master bedroom with en suite on the top floor.

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Chaseley Croft, Cannock

- Four Bedroom Detached House
- Sought After Locality
- Front Sitting Room & Rear Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility Room
- Double Garage & Cul De Sac Location
- EPC=TBC

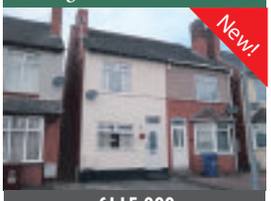
Offers Around **£339,950**

Park Road, Walsall

£89,950

- Traditional Mid Terrace House
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen with Dining Area
- Ideal First Time Purchase
- Close Bloxwich High Street
- EPC =D

Huntington Terrace Road, Huntington



£115,000

- Semi Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen & Utility Room
- Two Well Proportioned Bedrooms
- Upstairs Bathroom
- EPC = E

Sweetbriar Way, Cannock

- Three Bedroom End Terraced House
- Living Room with Dining Area
- Family Bathroom & En Suite
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- EPC = TBA

Offers Around **£165,000**

Pheasant Way, Heath Hayes

£150,000

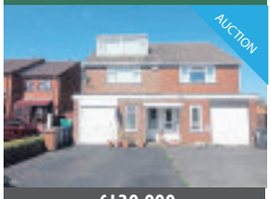
- Auction T & C's Apply
- Four Bedroom Town House
- Lounge with Juliette Balcony
- Two Ensuite Shower Rooms
- Integral Garage & Rear Garden
- EPC = C

Wolverhampton Road, Cannock

£275,000

- Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Must Be Viewed
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- EPC = D

Cannock Road, Chase Terrace



£130,000

- Auction T & C's Apply
- Three Bed Semi Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- EPC = D

Church Street, Bridgtown

£119,950

- Traditional Mid Terrace House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Refitted Kitchen &
- Three Bedrooms & First Floor WC
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- EPC = D

Herondale, Hednesford

£159,995

- Semi Detached House
- Two Well Proportioned Bedrooms
- Refitted Black Gloss Kitchen
- Open Plan Conservatory
- Driveway and Rear Garden
- EPC = D

Longford Road

£75,000

- First Floor Maisonette
- One Double Bedroom
- Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- No Chain and Shared Rear Garden
- Ideal First Time Buy
- EPC = TBC

High Street, Chasetown

£290,000

- Extended Detached Bungalow
- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Impressive Lounge Diner
- Shower Room and Bathroom
- Viewing Recommended
- EPC = TBC

Lakeside Boulevard, Bridgtown

£104,950

- New Build Coach House Apartment
- Well Presented Throughout
- Entrance Hall & Open Plan Lounge
- One Double Bedroom & Bathroom
- Garage & Allocated Parking
- EPC = B

Mary Street, Hednesford

£175,000

- Extended Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Downstairs Shower
- Ground Floor Study/Playroom
- Driveway & Enclosed Rear Garden
- EPC = D

Pye Green Road, Cannock

£135,000

- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Off Road Parking
- EPC = F

Hatherton Croft, Shoal Hill

£599,995

- Detached Double Fronted
- High Quality Throughout
- Three Reception Rooms
- Two Ensuite Shower Rooms
- Double Garage
- EPC = TBC

Huntington Terrace Road, Cannock

£125,000

- Well Presented Mid Terrace House
- Fitted Kitchen & Downstairs WC
- Two Bedrooms
- Parking & Enclosed Rear Garden
- Ideal First Time Purchase
- EPC = C

Woodford End, Chadsmoor

£35,000

- One Bedroom Maisonette
- 50% Shared Ownership
- Refitted White Gloss Kitchen
- Double Bedroom & Bathroom
- Ideal First Time Purchase
- EPC = D

Littleworth Road, Hednesford

£275,000

- Impressive Spacious Bungalow
- 20ft Lounge & Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Room & Guest W.C.
- Three Bedrooms
- Mature Private Rear Garden
- EPC = C

Church Street, Bloxwich

£99,950

- Three Bedroom Mid Terrace House
- Open Plan Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs Shower Room
- Ideal First Time Purchase
- EPC = D

Frog Lane, Wheaton Aston

£230,000

- Charming Detached Cottage
- Two Good Sized Bedrooms
- Sought After Village Location
- Luxury Bathroom
- Guest WC & C/H & D/G
- EPC = C

Sandy Lane, Rugeley

- Immaculate Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Ensuite To Master
- Two Reception Rooms
- EPC = C

Offers Around **£260,000**

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Great Wyrley Office - £469,950

SHARESHILL, HILTON LANE

- Impressive detached property
- Superb semi-rural location
- Greatly extended accommodation
- Lounge, snug, orangery
- Superb breakfast kitchen
- Lovely gardens, driveway
- EPC rating D

4 2

Great Wyrley Office - £450,000

JL DE SAC LOCATION

CHESLYN HAY, WALLACE COURT

- Impressive detached house
- Prime Cul-de-Sac location
- Three reception rooms
- Superb breakfast kitchen
- Utility room, guest WC
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating C

5 2

Great Wyrley Office - £375,000

GENEROUS GARDEN

SHARESHILL, 'POLLY COTTAGE'

- Impressive semi detached house
- Semi - rural location
- Good overall plot
- Open plan kitchen / family room
- Utility, guest WC, conservatory
- Detached double garage
- EPC rating D

3 2

Great Wyrley Office - £349,950

JL DE SAC LOCATION

GREAT WYRLEY, SPRING DRIVE

- Impressive detached bungalow
- Private Cul-de-Sac location
- 2 reception rooms
- Kitchen, utility room
- Rear garden with garden room
- Off-road parking, double garage
- EPC rating D

3 2

Burntwood Office - £320,000

BURNTWOOD, HOSPITAL ROAD

- Executive family home
- Extensive rear garden
- Ample off road parking
- Open plan living
- Sought after location
- Delightful views to the front
- EPC Rating E

4 2

Burntwood Office - £290,000

LICHFIELD, LEOMANSLEY ROAD

- Spacious family home
- Close to Lichfield city centre
- Open plan living space
- Conservatory
- Ample parking
- Sought after location
- EPC rating D

4 2

Burntwood Office - £220,000

HAMMERWICH, OVERTON LANE

- Cottage style home
- Spacious open plan kitchen/diner
- Ample off road parking
- Mature private rear garden
- Countryside views to the rear
- Sought after village location
- EPC rating C

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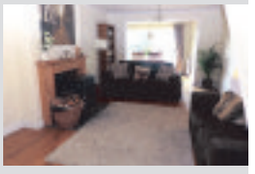
Burntwood Office - 275,000



CANNOCK WOOD, PINESIDE AVENUE

- Superb detached residence
- Pleasant Cul-de-Sac location
- Spacious lounge / dining area
- Breakfast kitchen, conservatory
- Study / fourth bedroom
- Gardens, driveway parking
- EPC rating E

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Great Wyrley Office - £255,000

NEW PRICE

CHURCHBRIDGE, ELLIOT DRIVE

- Modern detached house
- Popular residential area
- Immaculate interiors
- Kitchen / dining room
- Orangery. Guest WC
- Driveway, garage
- EPC rating B

4 2

Great Wyrley Office - £229,950

CHURCHBRIDGE, ELLIOT DRIVE

- Immaculate detached property
- Stylish, contemporary interiors
- Larger than average plot
- Sought after location
- Lounge, kitchen/diner
- Driveway & garage
- EPC rating B

3 2

Great Wyrley Office - £225,000

NEW PRICE

GREAT WYRLEY, OLDE HALL LANE

- Spacious detached bungalow
- Prime village location\
- Lounge, kitchen
- Conservatory
- Gardens, driveway parking
- No upward chain
- EPC rating D

3 1

Burntwood Office - £220,000

BURNTWOOD, NIGHTINGALE COURT

- Second floor penthouse
- Sought after location
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Bathroom & en-suite
- Two allocated parking spaces
- Communal garden & grounds
- EPC rating C

3 2

Burntwood Office - £220,000

BURNTWOOD, HIGHFIELDS ROAD

- Spacious detached bungalow
- Immaculately presented throughout
- Lounge, kitchen diner
- Utility room
- Private mature rear garden
- Ample off road parking
- EPC rating D

2 1

Burntwood Office - £220,000

BURNTWOOD, HOSPITAL ROAD

- Spacious family home
- Generous rear garden
- Delightful views to the front
- Good size bedrooms
- Plenty of potential
- Sought after location
- EPC rating D

3 1

Great Wyrley Office - £215,000

WELL PRESENTED

GREAT WYRLEY, LAMBOURNE CLOSE

- Impressive family home
- Prime village location
- Immaculate, quality interiors
- Lounge, conservatory
- Kitchen, diner, utility
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating D

4 2

Burntwood Office - £180,000

BURNTWOOD, BEECHEN GROVE

- Immaculately Presented
- Spacious Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Private Rear Garden
- Detached Garage
- Cul de Sac Location
- EPC rating D

3 1

Great Wyrley Office - £179,950

CHESLYN HAY, GLENTHORNE DRIVE

- Well presented semi
- Prime village location
- Through lounge / diner
- Kitchen, breakfast room
- Conservatory
- Superb rear garden
- Driveway & garage
- EPC rating D

3 1

Burntwood Office - £175,000

NEW PRICE

BURNTWOOD, COPPICE CLOSE

- Extended semi
- Immaculate interiors
- Good sized lounge
- Open plan kitchen/diner
- Rear garden
- Driveway, garage
- EPC rating B

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Great Wyrley Office - £179,950

GREAT WYRLEY, LINGFIELD DRIVE

- Superb semi-detached house
- Fully refurbished interiors
- Prime village location
- Lounge, kitchen / diner
- Utility room, garage
- Gardens, driveway parking
- EPC rating C

3 1

Great Wyrley Office - £175,000

GREAT WYRLEY, HILTON LANE

- Superb semi-detached house
- Immaculate interiors
- Prime village location
- Lounge, dining room
- Lovely gardens
- Driveway parking
- EPC rating D

3 1

Great Wyrley Office - £179,950

GREAT WYRLEY, HOLLY LANE

- Superb traditional semi
- Beautifully presented
- Prime village location
- Large conservatory
- Good sized rear garden
- Versatile detached workshop
- EPC rating D

3 1

Great Wyrley Office - £175,000

GREAT WYRLEY, SUNBEAM DRIVE

- Superb detached bungalow
- Prime village location
- Good sized lounge
- Kitchen / diner
- Garden, driveway, garage
- No upward chain
- EPC rating D

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Great Wyrley Office - £175,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

CHESLYN HAY, SUTHERLAND ROAD

- Well proportioned semi
- Extended accommodation
- Large lounge / dining room
- Kitchen
- Large rear garden
- Driveway, garage
- EPC rating to follow

3 1

Burntwood Office - £172,500

NEW INSTRUCTION

BURNTWOOD, LEBANON GROVE

- Semi detached house
- Immaculately presented
- Large corner plot
- Two reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Ample off road parking
- EPC rating D

3 1

Great Wyrley Office - £169,950

GREAT WYRLEY, HOLLY LANE

- Immaculate family semi
- Three storey accommodation
- Superb kitchen / diner
- Conservatory
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Good sized driveway
- EPC rating C

3 2

Great Wyrley Office - £164,950

NO CHAIN

CHESLYN HAY, HIGH STREET

- Superb period semi
- No upward chain
- Lounge, kitchen
- Dining room / G/F bedroom
- Ground floor bathroom
- Off-road parking
- EPC rating E

2 1

Great Wyrley Office - £159,950

ESSINGTON, LONG LANE

- Extended end-terrace
- Superb location
- Lounge, conservatory
- Open-plan kitchen / diner
- Utility, guest WC
- Detached garage
- EPC rating E

3 1

Great Wyrley Office - £155,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

GREAT WYRLEY, BROOKLANDS AVENUE

- Superb semi-detached house
- Well presented interiors
- Prime village location
- Lounge, kitchen / diner
- Garden with 'workshop'
- Driveway parking
- EPC rating C

2 1

Burntwood Office - £150,000

CANNOCK, COMMON LANE

- Three bedroom semi detached
- Newly built
- Ample off road parking
- Close to town centre
- Fitted kitchen
- Spacious lounge/diner
- EPC rating C

3 1

Burntwood Office - £140,000

BURNTWOOD, LOFTUS COURT

- Ideal first time purchae
- Spacious lounge
- integral garage and driveway
- Good size bedrooms
- No upward chain
- Viewing recommended
- EPC rating D

3 1

Great Wyrley Office - £139,950

GREAT WYRLEY, WALSALL ROAD

- Period semi-detached house
- Requires some modernisation
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen. Cellar
- Bathrooms on both floors
- Long rear garden, parking
- EPC rating E

2 2

Great Wyrley Office - £119,995

NEW PRICE

CHESLYN HAY, STATION STREET

- Charming period semi
- Loads of potential
- Ideal first purchase
- C/H, D/G. NO CHAIN
- First floor bathroom
- Lawned rear gardens
- EPC rating E

2 1

Great Wyrley Office - £110,000

BLOXWICH, CLARENDON STREET

- Superb mid-terraced house
- Ideal 1st time / investment buy
- Lovely period features
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen. Cellar
- Ground floor bathroom
- EPC rating D

3 1

Great Wyrley Office - £89,950

NO CHAIN

GREAT WYRLEY, ACHILLES CLOSE

- Ideal first time / investment purchase
- End terraced property
- Lounge, kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Enclosed rear garden
- No onward chain
- EPC rating C

2 1

Burntwood Office - £50,000

HEATH HAYES, HEATH WAY

- 50% shared ownership
- First floor apartment
- Open plan living
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Parking facilities
- Gas central heating
- EPC Rating C

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NEW & SOLD

CHASETOWN

New Street

A Well Presented Two Bedroom End terraced Property With No Onward Chain, GCH, DG, Lounge/Dining Room, Re-Fitted Breakfast Kitchen, Spacious Bathroom, Rear Garden

£117,000

NEW & SOLD

WIMBLEBURY

Nelson Drive

A Beautifully Presented Two Bedroom End Terraced Propery, GCH, DG, Hall, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Bathroom, Driveway, Rear Garden, ideal 1st Time Buy/Buy To Let

£122,000

NEW / NO ONWARD CHAIN

BURNTWOOD

Ogley Hay Road

• A well presented three bedroom semi-detached family home offered with no onward chain. GCH, DG, hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, garage & parking.

£140,000

NO ONWARD CHAIN

CANNOCK WOOD

Sycamore Hill

• A beautifully appointed three bedroom detached bungalow offered with no onwardchain. GCH, DG, lounge, kitchen/ diner, 3 bedrooms, garage, parking & gardens.

£245,000

NO ONWARD CHAIN

CHASE TERRACE

Princess Street

A well presented and upgraded three double bedroom traditional detached family home, New GCH, DG, entrance hallway, spacious lounge, Refitted open plan kitchen, dining/sitting room, downstairs bathroom, conservatory, driveway, rear garden, must be viewed.

£189,950

SOLD

CANNOCK WOOD

Gilwell Road

• A stunning three bedroom detached bungalow. GCH, DG, hall, lounge, contemporary kitchen, utility, 3 bedrooms, luxury bathroom, rear garden, parking.

£315,000

SOLD

NORTON CANES

Burntwood Road

• A beautifully re-fitted three bedroom semi-detached family home, new GCH system, two recption rooms, new kitchen & bathroom, garage, rear gardens, no onward chain.

£174,950

NO ONWARD CHAIN

CHASE TERRACE

Hollygrove Lane

• A beautifully maintained and spacious 2 bedroom link detached bungalow. GCH, DG, hall. spacious lounge/dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, rear garden, garage & parking.

£184,950

OFFERS OVER £160,000

CHASE TERRACE

Slade Avenue

A well appointed two bedroom detached bungalow. GCH, DG, hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, parking, garage and rear garden.

£160,000

NEW PRICE

BURNTWOOD

Bank Crescent

An excellent investment opportunity! A three bedroom semi-detached property for sale with planning consent for a 3 bedroom deatched house, GCH, DG, halL, breakfast kitchen, lounge, guest W.C, family bathroom gardens.

£164,950

NO ONWARD CHAIN

WALSALL

Walstead Road West

• A two double bedroom semi-detachjed property with planning for a further two bedrooms. GCH, DG, lounge, kitchen, shower room, parking & garage. No chain!

£145,000

NEW & SOLD

LICHFIELD

Bloomfield Crescent

• Offered with no onward chain this well presented three bedroom mid terraced. GCH, DG, porch, hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, shower room and gardens.

£144,950

NO ONWARD CHAIN

CHASE TERRACE

High Street

• A beautifully presented two double bedroom, extended semi-detached property offered with no onward chain. GCH, DG, two reception rooms, extended breakfast kitchen, bathroom & rear garden.

£124,950

NO ONWARD CHAIN

RAWNSLEY

Plot 2, Longstaff Avenue

• A brand new 3 bedroom semi-detached property. GCH, DG, hall, guest W.C, new kitchen & bathroom, spacious lounge/dining room, rear garden, off road parking and no onward chain.

£145,000

AVAILBLE NOW

CHASE TERRACE

Fernleigh Avenue

A one double bedroom ground floor maisonette, Electric heating, DG, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen, Bathroom, Parking To Fore, Sorry No Pets, Smokers Or Dhss

£450 PCM

NEW

WIMBLEBURY

Wimblebury Road

• A 3 double bedroom, double fronted semi-detached house. GCH, DG, lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, no pets/smokers or DSS £795 deposit.

£695 PCM

NEW

CHASETOWN

Robinson Court

A immaculate two bedroom mid-terraced property, GCH, DG, hallway, newly fitted kitchen, lounge, newly fitted bathroom, driveway, rear garden, available to view from 17th October 2016.

£625.00

NEW

BURNTWOOD

Dale Drive

A three bedroom semi-detached property set in a cul-de-sac location. GCH, DG, hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom, parking, rear garden, no pets/smokers or DSS, £750 Deposit

£650 PCM

NEW

NORTON CANES

Red Lion Crescent

• A three bedroom semi-deatched property. GCH, DG, hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, parking, no pets/ smokers or DSS, £675 Deposit

£575 PCM

AVAILABLE NOW

BURNTWOOD

Franklin Drive

A Three Bedroom Semi-Detached Property With Garage, GCH, DG, Hallway, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge/Dining Room, Bathroom, Enclosed Rear Garden, Off Road Parking, Sorry No Dhss, Pets Or Smokers

£750 PCM

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Hednesford
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•Double Entry Driveway

£295,000 EPC=D

Shoal Hill
New Price

Holder Drive
•Executive Detached•Much Sought After Location
•Lounge & Dining Room•Conservatory & Study
£430,000 EPC=D

Rugeley
New

Armitage Road
•Traditional Cottage•Four Bedrooms
•2 Reception Rooms•Conservatory
£180,000 EPC=D

Hednesford
New

Springfield Rise
•Semi Detached •Spacious Lounge
•Modern Kitchen•Driveway & Garage
£163,000 EPC=D

Hednesford
New Price

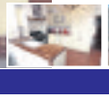
Thornhill Road
•Detached Family Home•Enviable Corner Plot
•Lounge & Kitchen•Conservatory
£185,000 EPC=D

Broomhill
New

Victoria Street
•Detached Family Home
•Four Bedrooms
•Lounge/Kitchen
•Off Road Parking

£220,000 EPC=C

Hednesford
New

Church Hill
•Victorian Family Home
•Two Receptions
•Kitchen/Family Room
•3/4 Bedrooms


£200,000 EPC=F

Heath Hayes
New

Sparrowhawk Way
•Three Storey Property
•Three Bedrooms
•Conservatory
•Driveway & Garage

£179,950 EPC=D

Wedges Mills
New

Hall Meadow
•End Terraced
•Conservatory
•Three Bedrooms
•Rear Garden

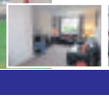
£135,000 EPC=TBA

Hednesford
New

High Mount Street
•Traditional Semi
•2 Reception Rooms
•Kitchen & Utility
•Two Bedrooms

£130,000 EPC=E

Cannock
New Price

Anglia Road
•Semi Detached House
•Through Lounge
•Kitchen & Guest WC
•Two Bedrooms


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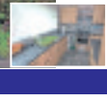


£199,950 EPC=D

Cannock
New

Birch Avenue
•Semi Detached House
•Town Centre Location
•Three Bedrooms
•Breakfast Kitchen

£150,000 EPC=D

Great Wyrley
New

Walsall Road
•Traditional Terrace
•2 Double Bedrooms
•2 Reception Rooms
•Upstairs Bathroom

£130,000 EPC=D

Wimblebury
New

Claygate Road
•Terraced House
•Modern Fitted Kitchen
•Spacious Lounge/Diner
•Three Bedrooms

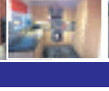
£130,000 EPC=C

Cannock
New

Grasmere Place
•Semi Det Bungalow
•Conservatory
•Kitchen & Lean to
•One Bedroom

£117,500 EPC=D

Huntington
New

Ashdale Close
•Modern Terraced
•Kitchen/Diner
•Two Bedrooms
•Allocated Parking


£117,500 EPC=E

Cannock
New Price

Pye Green Road
•Detached House•Lounge & Dining Room
•Kitchen & Utility Room•Family Room
£190,000 EPC=D

Cannock
New Price

Girton Road
•Extended Semi Detached•Three Reception Rooms
•Kitchen & Laundry Room•Four Bedrooms
£184,950 EPC=C

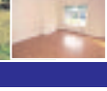
Cannock
New Price

St James Road
•Semi Detached House•Lounge/Diner
•Kitchen•Guest WC
£119,995 EPC=E

Cannock
New Price

Bevan Lee Road
•No Upward Chain•Semi Detached
•Two Bedrooms•Large Rear Garden
£105,000 EPC=E

Cannock
New

Barnard Way
•Ground Floor Flat
•Lounge
•Kitchen
•Two Bedrooms


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- On A Large Plot
- 3 Bedrooms
- 3 Reception Rooms
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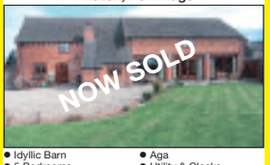
- Large Bathroom
- Double Garage
- Has had planning in the past for 2 dwellings

£350,000

Pillaton, Penkridge



- Idyllic Barn
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- 3 Bathrooms
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Nelson Close, Lichfield

- Spacious Detached
- 5 Bedrooms
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- 3 Bathrooms
- Cloaks
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Garden
- Garage
- Parking

£395,000

Chapel Side, Rugeley

- ●● REDUCED ●●
- Immaculate End Terrace
- 2 Bedrooms
- Living Room/Diner
- Kew kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Separate Shower
- Large Storage Cupboard
- Gas Central Heating
- Private Rear Garden
- Good parking
- Property is freehold - NO CHAIN

£119,995

St Lukes Walk, Handsacre

- Spacious Flat
- 2 Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Garden
- 2 Sheds

£85,000

Hazel Drive, Armitage

- Fabulous Private Position
- Detached Home , Great Size
- 3 Good Bedrooms
- Living Room/Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Ensuite
- FamilyBathroom
- Garden, lots of parking
- Garage

£214,995

Tuppenhurst Lane, Handsacre

- Smart Apartment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Living Room/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Spacious
- Off Road Parking
- Sorry No dss
- Available Now

£410 pcm

Ridware House, Lichfield

- Nice Apartment
- Great Price
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Living Room/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- With shower
- Secured Entrance
- Close to Lichfield
- Sorry no dss

£450 pcm

Canterbury Drive, Rugeley

- Lovely Apartment
- Ground Floor
- One Bedroom
- Living/Dining
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Wioth shower
- Large Hall
- Allocated Parking
- Sorry no dss or pets

£450

Rookery Court, Lichfield

- Furnished Apartment
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- Garage

£495

Broome Walk, Handsacre

- Refurbished Apartment
- Ground Floor
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Shower Room
- Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- Garden
- Sorry no dss or pets

£525

Priory Road, Rugeley

- Large Semi
- 2 Large Bedrooms
- Living Room/Diner
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Good Storage Space
- Garden
- Garage

£550

Highland Way, Rugeley

- Nice Detached Home
- 3 Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Kitchen,
- Family
- Bathroom
- Garden
- Garage
- Sorry no dss

£650 pcm

Burwaye Close, Lichfield

- Lovely Apartment
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Bround Floor
- Modern Open Plan
- Living Room/Diner
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Parking
- Close to the City

£685

Barn Road, Handsacre

- Charming Area
- Detached Bungalow
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- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Cloaks
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
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£130,000

NEW

ARMITAGE ROAD RUGELEY

A well presented traditional two bedroomed semi detached property. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazed. Comprising of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen and Utility. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Drive Way with Off Road Parking for Several Vehicles. Garden and Courtyard. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. EPC Rating - E

£145,000

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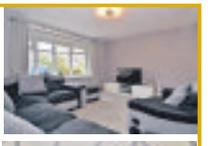

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£150,000

NEW

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A well presented three bedroomed semi detached property having Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dinging Room and Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Detached Garage. Gardens to Front and Rear. Viewing Recommended. EPC Rating - C

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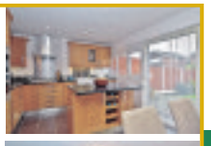

HUNTSMANS WALK, RUGELEY

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A modern ground floor apartment in a popular location ideal for first time buyer or investor and is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. En-suite to Master Bedroom. Security Entrance System. Allocated Parking. EPC RATING - C

£109,950

COMING SOON

PARK VIEW TERRACE RUGELEY

Three bedroomed semi detached. Full details to follow.

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£130,000

HENLEY GRANGE ETCHINGHILL

A large four bedroomed detached property close to Cannock Chase. Gas Central Heating,Double Glazing, Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Utility room, Lounge, Dining room, Snug and Conservatory. Master having a Dressing Room and Ensuite, Two Bedrooms with Ensuite, an additional bedroom and Family Bathroom. Double Garage with Parking and Gardens. EPC RATING - D

£425,000

NEW

DAWES CLOSE ARMITAGE

A three bedroomed semi detached property in a popular village location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Second Reception Room and Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Carport and Large Driveway with Off Road Parking. Garden to Rear. EPC Rating D

£162,500

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£145,000

ETCHINGHILL ROAD ETCHINGHILL

A well presented large four bedroomed detached family home in a sought after location within close proximity to Cannock Chase views over the open country side. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Beautiful Mature Gardens to Front and Rear. Double Garage and Large Driveway. Viewing is essential.
EPC RATING - D

£425,000

EASTBUTTS ROAD ETCHINGHILL

Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Downstairs Shower Room, Lounge, Dining Room, Study, Extended Kitchen and Sun Room. First Floor Landing with Two Large Bedrooms with one having an en-suite Bathroom, Family Bathroom. Second Floor Landing Two Large Bedrooms and Shower Room. Established Gardens and Covered Carport. EPC RATING - C

£430,000

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A three bedroomed detached family home in a popular location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Utility, Downstairs W.C. and Garage Conversion/Games Room. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Drive with Off Road Parking. Garden to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - D

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£130,000

FRANK GEE CLOSE
RUGELEY

A well presented three bedroomed mid terraced property. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Breakfast Kitchen, Lounge and W.C. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden.
EPC Rating - C

£124,950

COMING SOON

WAVERLEY GARDENS
ETCHINGHILL

Four bedroomed detached family home. Full details to follow.

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£295,000

SHOAL HILL CLOSE
CANNOCK

A detached property fully refurbished. Entrance Porch, through Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Re-fitted Kitchen with some appliances, Utility Room, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory. Four Bedrooms and Bathroom, En-suite to Master Bedroom. Gardens to front and rear. Garage with driveway. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS.

£1,400 pcm

CANTERBURY DRIVE
RUGELEY

Modern ground floor flat. Accommodation comprises of open plan Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances. Electric Heating and Double Glazing. One Double Bedroom and Bathroom. Allocated parking. VIEWING RECOMMENDED NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating C
DEPOSIT £623

£450 pcm

STOCKINGS LANE, LONGDON

A three bedroomed semi detached in a sought after village location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. The accommodation comprises of Through Hallway, Lounge and Kitchen/Diner. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Shower Room and Separate W.C. Garage with Off Road Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - C

£170,000

ARDEN WALK
HANDSACRE

A first floor two bedroomed spacious flat within walking distance to the local amenities. UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Entrance Porch, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Off-road parking. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - D

£80,000

TITHEBARN ROAD
RUGELEY

Semi-detached bungalow benefiting from Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Driveway and Garage. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS.
EPC RATING C
DEPOSIT £816

£590 pcm

ARCH STREET
RUGELEY

Second Floor Flat benefiting from Gas Central Heating. Accommodation comprises of Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, Bathroom and Double Bedroom. Parking at rear. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating B
DEPOSIT £554

£400 pcm

LUPIN DRIVE
HUNTINGTON

40% SHARED OWNERSHIP. This modern first floor apartment is an ideal first time buy, In brief the accommodation comprises Communal Hallway, Hallway, Open plan Lounge/Kitchen, Two bedrooms and a Bathroom. Further benefiting from gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows and allocated parking. Viewing recommended. EPC RATING - B

£42,995

CATKIN WALK, RUGELEY

A well presented three bedroomed semi detached property. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner and Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Detached Garage and Off Road Parking. Garden to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - E

£145,000

KEY HOUSE
RUGELEY

Studio Apartment in town centre location comprising of open plan living space with fully fitted Kitchen and appliances. Lounge/Bedroom area with spacious Shower Room. Communal entrance with coded security system. SINGLE OCCUPANCY ONLY. OFFER - FIRST MONTHS RENT HALF PRICE £192.50 NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D

£385 pcm

COULTHWAITE WAY
BRERETON

Spacious two bedroom apartment within new development. Entrance Hall spacious open plan Lounge/Kitchen with some appliances. Bathroom with shower over bath. Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating. Patio and Allocated parking space. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. IMAGES FOR GENERAL GUIDANCE ONLY. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating tbc

£585 pcm

COMING SOON

ARMITAGE ROAD
BRERETON

Positioned with a canalside location is this delightful refurbished mid-terraced cottage. Benefiting from being refurbished by the current owners as part of a redevelopment scheme. Entrance Hall/Utility, Galley Kitchen, Lounge, First Floor Landing with One Bedroom and Bathroom. Small courtyard garden to rear. Communal parking with delightful brick store with access to the

£119,995

MAIN ROAD
BRERETON

Located close to local amenities is this two bedroomed ground floor flat ideal for investors Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN this gas centrally heated accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, Inner Hallway, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated parking. EPC RATING - B

£96,995

COMING SOON

LODGE ROAD
BRERETON

Three bed semi detached. Full details to follow.

For more information please contact our Sales Team.

£155,000

COULTHWAITE WAY
BRERETON

Spacious two bedroom apartment within a new development. Entrance Hall spacious open plan Lounge/Kitchen with some appliances. Bathroom with shower over bath. Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating. Allocated parking space. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. IMAGES FOR GENERAL GUIDANCE ONLY. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating B or C

£575 pcm

BANK TOP
RUGELEY

A detached property comprising of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, Guest Cloaks, Dining Room and Conservatory. Four Bedrooms, with en-suite shower room to Master, Bathroom with separate shower cubicle. Garage and driveway. Garden to rear. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating D

£800 pcm

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FREE VALUATIONS

NEW

Hatherton Croft, Cannock

- Stunning Property
- Living Kitchen
- Utility & Study
- Two Ensuites & Bathroom
- Landscaped Patio/Garden
- South Facing Rear Garden
- Quiet Cul-de-sac Location

£450,000

NO CHAIN

Wood Lane, Wedges Mills

- Detached Family Home
- 4 Double Bedrooms
- 2 Ensuites & Bathroom
- Spacious Living Room
- Stunning Dining Kitchen
- Private Rear Garden
- No Upward Chain
- EPC - D

£360,000

NEW BUILD

Eccleshall Road, Stafford

- Detached New Build Executive Home
- 4 Bedrooms
- Finished To High Spec
- Stylish En-suite Shower Room
- Open Plan Kitchen / Dining Room
- Immaculately Finished
- Brand New
- EPC - C

£335,000

NEW PRICE

The Priory, Baswich Lane, Stafford

- Detached Family Home
- 4 Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Garage & Parking
- Ensuite & Bathroom
- Garage

Offers Over £300,000

NO CHAIN

Meriden Close, Cannock

- Detached Bungalow
- 3 Bedrooms
- Very Spacious
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Cul De Sac Location
- Garage
- No Upward Chain
- EPC - TBC

£285,000

NEW BUILD

New Build, Victoria Street, Hednesford

- New Build
- Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Garage
- Completion Due August 2016
- Opposite Hednesford Park
- Available Off Plan

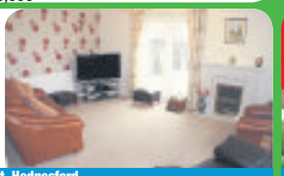
£275,000

NEW

Hatton Road, Cannock

- Four Good Size Bedrooms
- Open Fields To The Front
- Two Reception Rooms
- Very Popular Location
- Carport & Garage
- Downstairs WC
- Lounge & Dining Room

£260,000

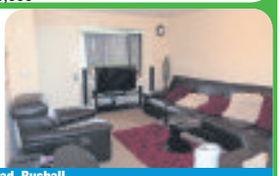


NEW

George Street, Hednesford

- Impressive Corner Plot
- Two Bed Detached Bungalow
- Double Garage
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory & Guest WC

£235,000



NEW

Queens Road, Rushall

- Four Bed Detached
- Porch, Hall & Guest WC
- Lounge & Utility
- Stylish Kitchen / Diner
- Ensuite & Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden

£235,000

NEW

Kingfisher Court, Burntwood

- Delightful Family Residence
- Versatile Accommodation
- Five Bedrooms, Two En-suites Garage,
- Popular St Matthews Estate
- EPC - D No Chain
- View Now!

£220,000

NO CHAIN

Bilston Road, Willenhall

- VIEWING IS A MUST
- Detached Bungalow
- 3 Bedrooms
- Ensuite & Bathroom
- Lounge & Dining Room
- 20ft Kitchen & Study
- Detached Workshop
- EPC - D

£209,950

NEW PRICE

Weston Road, Stafford

- Detached House on End Plot
- Very Well Presented
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Detached Garage
- Good Size Front and Rear Gradens
- Must Be Viewed

£190,000

NEW

Bideford Way, Cannock

- Family Lounge-Diner
- Stylish Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Impressive Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Shower Room
- Block Paved Front
- Rear Garden

£174,950

Stafford Lane, Hednesford

- Extended Semi - Detached
- 2/3 Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Garage
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Concrete Impression Drive
- DOWNSTAIRS & UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
- EPC - TBC

£157,500

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NEW PRICE

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- Garage With Inspection Pit
- Viewing Is A Must

£160,00

Mosswood Street, Cannock

- Semi-Detached Home
- 3 Bedrooms
- Comprehensively Improved
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Alarmed

£126,950

NO CHAIN

Wordsworth Close, Cannock

- Semi - Detached Bungalow
- 2 Bedrooms
- Lounge / Diner
- Small Cul-de-sac
- Driveway
- Enclosed Rear Garden

£125,000

NEW

Achilles Close, Great Wryley

- IDEAL FIRST TIME / INVESTMENT PURCHASE
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- END TERRACED
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- REAR GARDEN
- GARAGE IN BLOCK

£89,950

NO CHAIN

Sam Barber Court, Heath Hayes

- First Floor Flat
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Well Presented Throughout
- Spacious Lounge, Kitchen
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Well Kept Communal Garden

£87,500

Patrick House, Moss Road, Cannock

- Ground Floor Flat
- 1 Bedroom
- Communal Rear Gardens
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£154,950

STAR BUY

Oakenhurst Av, Hawksyard

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom terraced property,being ideal for first time buyers. Having Hallway, Guest w.c, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing, Bedroom One with En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to rear and Allocated Parking

£154,950

The Lindens, Rugeley

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- JR Properties are pleased to bring to market this four bedroom,three storey home, situated in a quiet cul de sac.Having Hallway,Guest w.c, Breakfast Kitchen and Lounge. First Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom.Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite. Drive to Garage and Good sized Garden to rear

£207,995

MUST BE VIEWED

Hindley View, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this modern three bedroom semi detached home, being located close to local amenities. Having Hallway, Lounge, Guest w.c and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Two allocated parking to rear and Gardens. "IDEAL INVESTMENT PROPERTY"

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NO CHAIN

East Butts Road, Etching Hill

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Church Street, Rugeley

NO CHAIN

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this semi detached family home, being positioned in a quiet private road and offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Hallway, Lounge, Conservatory and Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom, further stairs to Bedroom and En Suite. Parking and Gardens

£189,995

MUST BE VIEWED

Eaton Drive, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this modern detached family home, offering flexible accommodation over three floors. Having Guest w.c, Utility, Family Room, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Master Bedroom with En Suite ,Four further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens

£299,950

NO CHAIN

Lower Birches Way, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented semi detached property,being located on a sought after estate. AVAILABLE WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation having Hallway, Guest w.c, Kitchen ,Lounge and Conservatory.Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Drive to Garage and Garden to rear.

£165,000

St Thomas Way, Hawksyard

NO CHAIN

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented and located semi detached home on the Hawksyard development. The accommodation comprises Hallway, guest wc, lounge, dining kitchen, three bedrooms, en suite and bathroom. Front and rear gardens and offered with NO CHAIN

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£199,950

The Laurels, Brereton

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this two bedroom terraced bungalow, in a retirement complex and being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation having Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Shower Room. Communal Gardens and Parking. More details

£103,000

Attlee Crescent, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom end of terrace ,situated in the sought after Crescent.Accommodation having Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Room and Guest W.C. Landing ,Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Foregarden and Good sized garden to rear

£145,000

Elizabethan Way, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to market this modern four bedroom detached family home, situated on a corner plot. Having Hallway, Guest w.c, Study,Two Reception Rooms, Breakfast Kitchen and Utility. Master Bedroom with En Suite, Three further Bedrooms and Bathroom.Double Garage with parking and Garden

£269,950

Bracken Way, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this extended detached family home in a sought after location,being close to local amenities.Accommodation having Porch, Lounge/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility and Family Room. Four Bedrooms and Showeroom. Gardens to front and rear. Driveway to Garage

£184,950

Church Street, Rugeley

JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this rare and well presented period property in a popular location. Chadscroft offers an abundance of style, proportions and features you would expect to find in a property of this calibre. Viewing is essential to appreciate the property with No Chain

£279,950

Wolseley Road, Rugeley

- Large executive family home, close to local amenities and providing good sized accommodation. Accomodation comprising three Reception Rooms, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility and Shower Room. Landing to Five Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Driveway to Double Garage. Generous Rear Garden, No Chain

£400,000 OIEO

Richardson Way, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented and spacious three storey town house in a popular location. Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN and having Guest w.c, Kitchen, Lounge and Conservatory. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom and Master Bedroom with En Suite and Bedroom.Garden and parking

£164,950

Lodge Road, Brereton

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this detached family home,located on a corner plot and available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation having Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen and Shower Room. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Drive to Garage and Gardens to side and rear

£184,950

The Lindens, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this spacious second floor one bedroom apartment in a popular location close to town. The self contained apartment has a security intercom entrance with hallway, lounge and kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. An allocated parking space is also included

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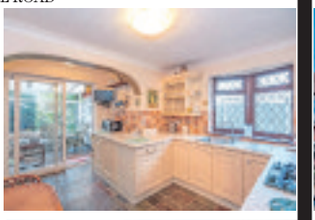
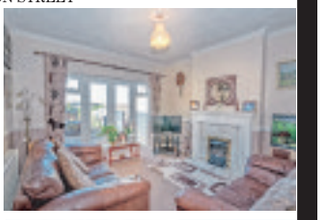


- Detached Dorma Bungalow
- Through Hallway
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 2 Conservatories
- 3 Bedrooms, Garage
- Workshop, Gardens
- NO CHAIN

£324,950

CHESLYN HAY
HATHERTON STREET

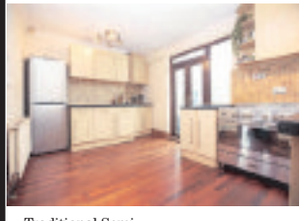


- Traditional Detached
- Porch, Dining Room
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Utility Room
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Generous Gardens
- Driveway
- Must Be Viewed

172,000

NEW

CANNOCK
LEACROFT LANE

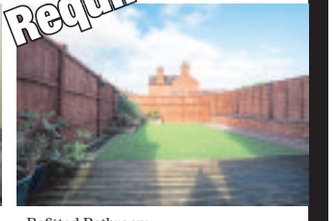


- Traditional Semi
- Hallway, Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- landscaped Gardens
- Driveway
- Viewing Essential

£154,950

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
STATION STREET



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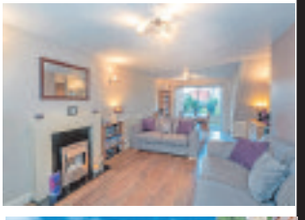
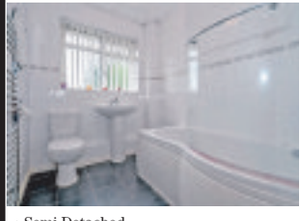
Similar Required

- Stunning Family Home
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Refitted Kitchen
- Utility Room, WC
- 3 Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Detached Garage, Driveway
- Gardens
- Internal Viewings Essential

£184,950

NEW

CANNOCK
PORTLAND PLACE

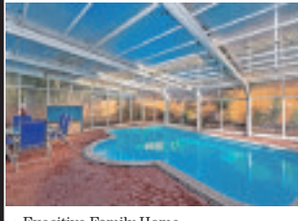
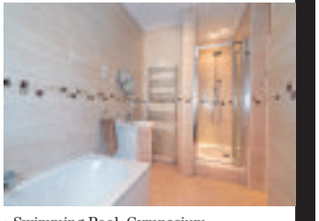



- Semi Detached
- Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Refitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Gardens
- Garage, Driveway
- NO CHAIN

£149,950

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
WALLACE COURT

- Execitive Family Home
- Five Double Bedrooms
- Four Bathrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen, Utility
- Swimming Pool, Gymnasium
- Double Dertached Garage

£550,000

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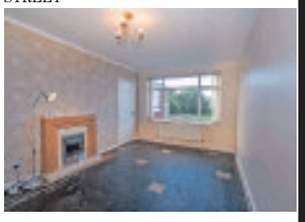
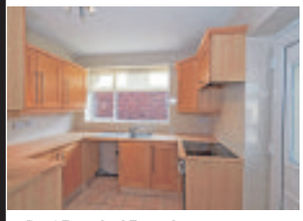



- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Through Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Refitted Kitchen
- Utility/Rear Lobby
- 2 Bedrooms, Shower room
- Gardens, Garage
- No Chain

£160,000

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
STATION STREET

- MOTIVATED SELLER
- NO CHAIN
- GENEROUS
- PROPORTIONED SEMI DETACHED PERIOD HOME
- VILLAGE

£119,950

NEW

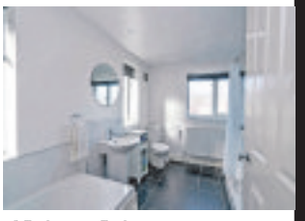
CANNOCK
AINTREE CLOSE

- Spacious Family Home
- Views of Cannock Chase
- Hallway, WC
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms.

£109,950

NEW

CANNOCK
ULLSWATER PLACE



- Spacious Extended Detached
- Through Hallway, WC
- Dining Room, Lounge/Diner
- Study Area
- Refitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Double Garage
- Driveway
- Gardens

£239,950

CHESLYN HAY
TUDOR WAY

- Detached Family Home
- Through hallway,
- Lounge.
- Dining Room
- Family Room/Study
- Kitchen, Utility Room

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- Family Bathroom
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- Garage

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- First Floor Flat
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Refitted Bathroom
- Garden
- No Chain

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HEATH HAYES
HODSON WAY

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Bathroom, GCH & DG, Garden, Parking, EPC Rating E

£595 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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Unfurnished, Terrace House, Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom
Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Allocated Parking, EPC Rating C

£475 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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ALBERT COURT

Unfurnished, First Floor Apartment, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom
Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Parking, EPC Rating C

£450 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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Unfurnished, Second Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom
Heating, Double Glazing, Parking, EPC Rating G

£395 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

RAWNSLEY
ST GEORGE DRIVE

Unfurnished, Detached House, Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
En Suite, GCH & DG, Rear Garden, Garage, EPC Rating D

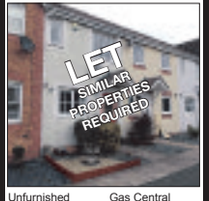
£650 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

WEDGES MILLS
THE MEADOWS

Unfurnished, Town House, Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom
Guest WC, GCH & DG, Rear Garden, Parking, EPC Rating C

£575 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

BROWNHILLS
BRANSDALE ROAD



Unfurnished, Mid Town House, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom
Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Rear Garden, Parking, EPC Rating C

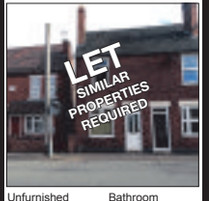
£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

GREAT WYRLEY
AJAX CLOSE

Unfurnished, Terrace House, Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
GCH & DG, Front & Rear Garden, Parking, EPC Rating C

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CHESLYN HAY
HIGH STREET



Unfurnished, Terrace House, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms
Bathroom, GCH & DG, Rear Garden, EPC Rating D

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

OUR APPLICATION FEE IS £222 Including VAT or £318 Including VAT - DEPENDANT ON CIRCUMSTANCES'

Rugeley
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Violet Close, Cannock

Offers Around £41,000

FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT	40% SHARED OWNERSHIP
COMMUNAL GARDENS	OFF ROAD PARKING
TWO BEDROOMS	EPC B

Earlswood Way, Cannock

Offers Around £70,000

SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT	SHOWER ROOM
LOUNGE WITH BALCONY	TWO BEDROOMS
OVER 55'S DEVELOPMENT	EPC C

Clarion Way, Cannock

Offers Around £115,000

SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY	OUTBUILDING
KITCHEN	LOUNGE
TWO BEDROOMS	EPC D

Anson Road, Great Wyrley

Offers Over £115,000

END TERRACED PROPERTY	FRONT AND REAR GARDENS
CONSERVATORY	LOUNGE
THREE BEDROOMS	EPC F

Sandown Close, Cannock

Offers Around £119,950

END TERRACE PROPERTY	REAR GARDEN
BATHROOM	LOUNGE
THREE BEDROOMS	EPC C

Commonside,Brownhills

Offers Around £128,000

END TERRACE PROPERTY	GARAGE
KITCHEN	LOUNGE
TWO BEDROOMS	EPC E

Pillaton Drive, Huntington

Offers Around £130,000

SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY	GARDEN
CONSERVATORY	LOUNGE
TWO BEDROOMS	EPC C

Hampton Street, Cannock

Offers Around £140,000

SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY	POTENTIAL FOR EXTENSION
KITCHEN	LOUNGE
TWO BEDROOMS	EPC E

Anson Close, Great Wyrley

Offers Over £130,000

TERRACED PROPERTY	REAR GARDEN
GARAGE	THREE BEDROOMS
EXTENDED	AWAITING EPC

Sycamore Green, Cannock

Offers Around £140,000

SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY	OFF ROAD PARKING
KITCHEN/DINER	LOUNGE
THREE BEDROOMS	EPC D

Chasewater Way, Norton Canes

Offers Around £155,000

SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY	GARAGE
KITCHEN	LOUNGE
THREE BEDROOMS	EPC D

Horseshoe Drive, Cannock

Offers Around £165,000

END TERRACE PROPERTY	ALLOCATED PARKING
KITCHEN	LOUNGE
THREE BEDROOMS	EPC C

Huntsmans Rise, Cannock

Offers Around £170,000

DETACHED PROPERTY	GARAGE	
BREAKFAST KITCHEN	LOUNGE	EPC C
THREE BEDROOMS		

Squirrel Close, Heath Hayes

Offers Around £175,000

SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY	CONSERVATORY
UTILITY ROOM	LOUNGE
THREE BEDROOMS	EPC D

Bideford Way, Cannock

Offers Around £200,000

DETACHED BUNGALOW	OFF ROAD PARKING
KITCHEN	LOUNGE
TWO BEDROOMS	EPC F

Greenwood Park, Hednesford

Offers Around £200,000

DETACHED PROPERTY	UTILITY ROOM
KITCHEN	LOUNGE
FOUR BEDROOMS	EPC D

Elizabethan Way, Rugeley

Offers Around £250,000

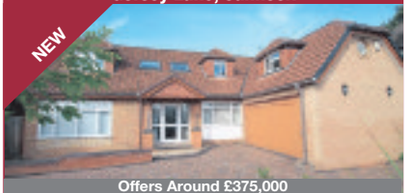
DETACHED PROPERTY	TWO EN SUITES
CONSERVATORY	LOUNGE
FIVE BEDROOMS	EPC C

Foxleigh Meadows, Handsacre

Offers Around £260,000

DETACHED PROPERTY	NO CHAIN
SELLERS INCENTIVE SCHEME	TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
FOUR BEDROOMS	AWAITING EPC

Gorsey Lane, Cannock



Offers Around £375,000

DETACHED BUNGALOW	GARAGE
CONSERVATORY	LOUNGE
SIX BEDROOMS	EPC D

Bellhurst Lane, Wheaton Aston

Offers Around £425,000

DETACHED COTTAGE	OUTBUILDING
GOOD SIZED REAR GARDEN	KITCHEN
THREE BEDROOMS	EPC E

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Billington Avenue, Little

- FOUR BEDROOMS
- KITCHEN
- LOUNGE
- SITTING ROOM
- 17FT CONSERVATORY
- BATHROOM
- EN-SUITE
- DOUBLE GLAZED

£239,995

Scholars Gate,Burntwood

- THREE BEDROOMS
- DINING ROOM
- KITCHEN
- LOUNGE
- BATHROOM
- GARAGE
- TWO PARKING SPACES
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING

£225,000

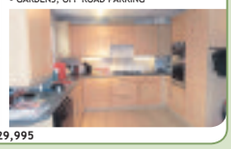
Kean Close,Lichfield

- TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW
- CORNER PLOT CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION
- CONSERVATORY
- LOUNGE, KITCHEN
- BATHROOM, SEPARATE W.C
- FRONT, SIDE AND REAR GARDENS

Offers in the Region Of £260,000

Colling Drive,Lichfield

- FIVE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
- OVERLOOKING CATHEDRAL WALK
- DOUBLE DETACHED GARAGE
- HALL, CLOAKROOM, LOUNGE
- BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- DINING ROOM, 5 BEDROOMS
- 2 EN-SUITES, FAMILY BATHROOM
- GARDENS, OFF ROAD PARKING



£429,995

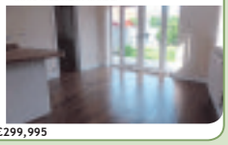
Steenwood Lane, ADMASTON,Fully

- STUNNING RURAL DETACHED HOUSE
- SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION
- THREE BEDROOMS
- THREE RECEPTIONS
- KITCHEN
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- DOUBLE GLAZED
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING

Offers in the Region Of £384,995

Water Street,Burntwood

- FOUR BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE/DINER
- UTILITY ROOM
- EN-SUITE
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- DETACHED GARAGE
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- GOOD SIZE REAR GARDEN



Fixed £299,995

Cherry Tree Road, Rugeley,This

- NO CHAIN
- in need of some modernisation
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Gas Central Heating

Offers in the Region Of £152,500

Chester Road, Rugeley,FOUR

- Four Bedroom Executive
- Spacious Detached House
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Lounge
- Family bathroom
- W.C
- Off road parking

Offers in the Region Of £235,000

Ravenhill Terrace,

- DETACHED FAMILY HOME
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE
- OPEN PLAN DINING ROOM
- KITCHEN
- CONSERVATORY
- GARAGE
- OUTBUILDINGS

Offers in the Region Of £220,000

Waverley Gardens, Etchinghill,

- FOUR BEDROOMS
- DETACHED
- LOUNGE/DINER
- KITCHEN
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- DOUBLE GLAZING
- CORNER PLOT

£229,950

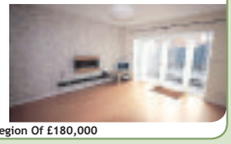
Coachmans Walk, Colton,

- FOUR BEDROOM HOUSE
- DETACHED
- DOUBLE LENGTH GARAGE
- KITCHEN
- DINING ROOM
- LOUNGE

Offers in the Region Of £375,000

Wade Street,Lichfield

- TWO BEDROOMS
- KITCHEN
- LOUNGE
- BATHROOM
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- DOUBLE GLAZED
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- NO CHAIN



Offers in the Region Of £180,000

Burton Road,Lichfield

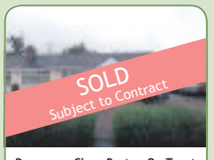
- WHITTINGTON VILLAGE
- TWO BEDROOMS
- MODERN KITCHEN
- LOUNGE/DINER
- BATHROOM
- GARDENS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATED
- DOUBLE GLAZED

Offers in the Region Of £179,995

Blackberry Avenue,Lichfield

- TWO BEDROOMS
- FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN
- BATHROOM
- ENSUITE OF MASTER BEDROOM
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- DOUBLE GLAZING

Offers in Excess of £150,000



Deepmore Close,Burton-On-Trent

- TWO BEDROOMS
- PORCH ENTERANCE
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN
- SHOWER ROOM
- CONSERVATORY

Offers in the Region Of £209,995

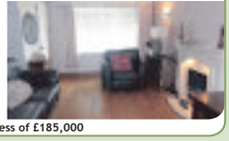
Coppice Road, Rugeley,Goodchilds

- Fully refurbished (Red Ash Flooring Re-moved- External Walls Insulated)
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Shower room
- Front Garden
- Rear garden

Offers in the Region Of £122,500

Chieveley Close, Etchinghill,

- FLEXIBLE SPACE - POTENTIAL 5 BEDROOMS
- SELF CONTAINED ANNEX
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- TWO KITCHENS
- THREE RECEPTION ROOMS
- TWO SHOWER ROOMS
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- OFF ROAD PARKING FOR THREE VEHICLES



Offers in Excess of £185,000

Wharf Road, Rugeley,Goodchilds

- THREE STOREY TOWNHOUSE
- THREE BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN
- GARDEN
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- DOUBLE GLAZED THROUGHOUT
- LOCAL AMENITIES

Offers in the Region Of £155,000

Manor Rise,Lichfield

- Two Bedroom Townhouse
- Garage, Rear garden
- Hall, Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Master Bedroom with En-suite

Offers in the Region Of £190,000

The Laurels, Rugeley,A two bed-

- TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW
- KITCHEN
- SHOWER ROOM
- RECEPTION ROOM
- COMMUNAL GARDEN
- COMMUNAL PARKING
- DOUBLE GLAZED
- SCHEME MANAGED

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11 DARTMOUTH ROAD, CANNOCK

THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE BUILT IN THE POPULAR INTER WAR PERIOD
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of The Town Convenient For Access To Facilities at the Town Centre

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Built On Garage
- Predominantly double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating E (51)

£229,950 FREEHOLD

19 LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, LOVE LANE, RUGELEY

ATTRACTIVE WELL EQUIPPED ALPINE STYLE CABIN Located on Established park Home Site Adjacant to Canal Two Path and Convenient For Local Facilities

- Open plan lounge & kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Shower room
- For persons Aged 50 and Over
- Part furnished
- Fully double glazed
- Electric heating
- Garden & decked terrace
- Allocated parking
- Viewing recommended

£77,500 LEASEHOLD

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47 SANDY LANE, CANNOCK

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Close To The Shoal Hill District Of Cannock Chase And Overlooking Greenbelt Farmland To The Front

- Lounge/dining area
- Double glazed conservatory
- Kitchen
- Lobby and shower room with WC
- Four bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Integral garage (limited length)
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating E (47)

£249,950 FREEHOLD

ENTRIES INVITED FOR OUR NEXT AUCTION 21st NOVEMBER 2016

GANLLWYD COTTAGE, PARKSIDE LANE, HATHERTON

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED DETACHED COTTAGE REPUTESDLY DATING FROM THE LATE 18TH CENTURY AND CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED IN THE 1970'S
Occupying Well Stocked Grounds Extending to Approx 0.2 Of An Acre Located In Much Sought After Rural Greenbelt Position Close to Cannock Chase

- Lounge and dining room
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Utility Room & cloakroom with WC
- Three double bedrooms
- Family bathroom and ensuite shower room
- Detached double width garage
- Extensive off road parking & well stocked gardens
- Oil fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating F (37)

£399,950 FREEHOLD

4 MIDDLE HILL BARNS, WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, SHARESHILL

WELL APPOINTED DETACHED BARN CONVERSION OFFERING EXCELLENT FLEXIBLE 4 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION Located In Rural Poisition In Greenbelt Farmland Within Easy Reach of Facilites at Cannock Centre

- Lounge and dining room
- Fitted breakfast kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Luxury bathroom and ensuite
- Utility room and cloakroom
- Intruder alarm and CCTV
- Off road parking
- LPG gas fired central heating
- Fully fouble glazed
- EPC rating D (62)

£439,950 FREEHOLD

32 BOND WAY, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE OCCUPYING WELL STOCKED LARGER GARDENS IN THIS POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA Convenient For Facilities and Access to Cannock Chase

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage space
- Well stocked gardebs
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating tbc

£139,950 FREEHOLD

122 CANNOCK ROAD, BLACKFORDS.

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND RENOVATED END MEWS HOUSE OFFERING SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION Located in Convenient Position For Access To Facilities at Cannock and Hednesford Centres

- Entrance lobby and hall
- Lounge and dining area
- Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Refitted bathroom
- Landing
- Three bedrooms
- Off road parking space and gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating D (65)

£136,500 FREEHOLD

13 WILTON CLOSE, CANNOCK

MODERN MID MEWS TWO BEDROOMED HOUSE OFFERING WELL EQUIPPED ACCOMMODATION Conveniently Located For Access To Facilities

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Off road parking space
- Gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating C (80)

£129,950 FREEHOLD

1 NIRVANA CLOSE, CANNOCK

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED DORMER STYLE FAMILY RESIDENCE OFFERING SPACIOUS FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION INCORPORATING 3/4 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
Occupying Well Stock Corner Plot Grounds with South Facing Rear Gardens Located in this Much Sought After Residential Area Convenient for Access to Shoal Hill District of Cannock Chase

- Impressive central reception hall
- Dining room/ bedroom 4
- Refitted kitchen and breakfast area
- Three double bedrooms
- Refitted cloakroom/ shower room
- Lounge
- Bathroom and separate toilet
- Detached double width garage
- Double glazing and gas central heating
- EPC rating E (53)

£529,950 FREEHOLD

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76 HEATH STREET, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMED DETACHED CHALET STYLE HOUSE
Located In Popular Position Convenient For Facilties at Cannock and Hednesford and Near To Cannock Chase An Area Noted For Its Outstanding Natural Beauty

- Side reception hall
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Three double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Integral garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating tbc

£196,950 FREEHOLD

70 ST JOHNS ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOMED MID MEWS HOUSE
Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge & dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility room & ground floor WC
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- No chain
- EPC rating D (58)

£125,000 FREEHOLD

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- Reception Hall
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- Kitchen & Utility
- Three First Floor Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom and En-Suite Shower Room
- Second Floor Bedroom with En-Suite and Dressing Room
- Private Garden at Rear
- Garage
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Fully Double Glazed

Well Equipped Four Bedroom Mews House
PRICE: £259,950 FREEHOLD

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EXTREMELY WELL APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking space
- Inspection highly recommended
- EPC rating B (81)

£114,950

80 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of The Town Close to the Shoal Hill District of Cannock Chase and Cannock Park to Rear

- Two reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen, utility room and cloakroom
- Double glazed conservatory
- Four bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Integral garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Intruder alarm
- Part double glazed and gas central heating
- EPC rating E (52)

£429,950 FREEHOLD

RESIDENTIAL LETTINGS

15 STRINGERS HILL, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Cloakroom with WC
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garage and gardens
- Gas central heating & double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed

£675 pcm

8 FOUNTAIN COURT, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

ONE BEDROOM SINGLE STOREY BARN
located On The Picturesque Rural Estate of Teddesley Park

- Dining kitchen
- Lounge
- Inner hall
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Oil fired central heating & fully double glazed
- Communal grounds and parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- Sorry no children are permitted on this ssection of the estate
- EPC rating C (69)

£525 pcm

1 HOLLYOAK WAY, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
Located In Much Sought After Cul-De-Sac Conveniently Located For Faciclities at The Town Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated off road parking & communal grounds
- Secure gated vehicular access
- Electric heating & double glazed
- Sorry No pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating D (61)

£650 pcm

12 CARFAX, CANNOCK

SPACIOUS WELL EQUIPPED TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMED SECOND FLOOR FLAT
Conveniently Located For Town Centre And Train Station Benefitting From Being Newly Carpeted And Decorated Throughout

- Entrance lobby
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom & separate WC
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: C (76)

£495pcm

1 SPINDLEWOOD CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Sought After Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Gardens
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC rating: D (63)

£600pcm

2 SMITHY PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated In The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Fitted dining kitchen
- Lounge
- Inner hall
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Communal grounds & parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers, children or DSS allowed

£585pcm plus service charge

27 BROMLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM END MEWS HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Gas fired central heating & fully double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: C (79)

£575pcm

5 WOODFORD WAY, HEATH HAYES

TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Sought After Residential Area

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- All windows double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£585pcm

BEAUMONT HOUSE, 3 MARTIN GROVE, HILTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

LOCATED IN POPULAR AREA WITHIN AN EXCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT

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- Sitting room & dining room
- Study & family room
- Kitchen & utility room
- Five bedrooms
- Three en-suites
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- Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- Gardens & double garage
- EPC rating: C (76)

£1300pcm

6 LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, LOVE LANE, RUGELEY

NEWLY REFURBISHED ONE BEDROOM PARK HOME SITUATED IN WELL MAINTAINED PARK HOME DEVELOPMENTConvenient For Facilities Locally

- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Shower room
- Bedroom
- Off road parking
- Gardens & decked terrace
- LPG central heating
- Fully double glazed
- For persons aged 50 and over
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers

£435.00 p.cm

45 STATION STREET, CHESLYN HAY

WELL EQUIPPED ONE BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT
Conveniently Located For Facilities At Cheslyn Hay Village Centre

- Lounge
- Inner hall
- Refitted kitchen
- Refitted wet room
- Bedroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Rear garden (uncultivated)
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: C (75)

£450 pcm

26 SOUTH CLOSE, CANNOCK

A SUPERB TWO/THREE BEDROOM PROPERTY
Located In Much Sought After Cul-De-Sac

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Sitting room/bedroom three
- Shower room
- Two further bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (62)

£850 pcm

3 THE CROSSINGS, MILL STREET, CANNOCK

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED TWO BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSE
Excellently Located For Train Station And Facilities At The Town Centre

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen with white goods
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking to rear
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets or DSS
- EPC rating: B (83)

£625 pcm

200A BLOXWICH ROAD, WALSALL

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: D (67)

£450 pcm

197A CANNOCK ROAD, CHADSMOOR

REFURBISHED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Double glazed
- Electric heating
- Off road parking
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£440 pcm

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- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating C

£370 pcm

PAGET MEWS, HEDNESFORD

- 1Bed FFF
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating: E
- No DSS/Pets

£395 pcm

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- One Bed Flat
- FURNISHED
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Heating & DG
- EPC Pending
- NO DSS OR PET

£395 PCM

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- 1 Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Off Road Parking
- EPC Pending
- NO DSS/PETS

£400 pcm

WOOTTONS COURT, CANNOCK

- 1Bed FFF
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking
- Energy rating C

£415pcm

MORETON STREET, CHADSMOOR

- 1 Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- EPC Pending
- NO DSS/PETS

£425 pcm

BROADHURST GREEN, HEDNESFORD

- Two Bed Flat
- Part Furnished
- Lounge, Kitchen
- GCH & DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS OR

£475 pcm

DARTMOUTH MEWS, CANNOCK

- One Bed Flat
- Town Centre
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Secure Parking
- Energy Rating B
- NO DSS OR

£495 pcm

REMBRANDT CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

- 2 Bed Mid Terrace
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH/DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy RatingD

£525 pcm

ALLPORT STREET, CANNOCK

- 3 Bed Mid Terrace
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- GCH

£525 pcm

KNIGHTS COURT, NORTON CANES

- 2 Bed Mews House
- Part Furnished
- Lounge, Kitchen
- GCH, Parking
- EPC Pending
- NO DSS OR

£550 pcm

KNIGHTS COURT, NORTON CANES

- Two Bed Town
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Bathroom, GCH
- Energy Rating D
- No DSS or Pets

£625 pcm

BRIAR CLOSE, RUGELEY

- Three Bed Link
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Guest WC
- Bathroom
- GCH, DG

£625 pcm

NEWBURY RAOD,NORTON CANES

- 3Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom/ Ensuite
- GCH/DG
- Energy Rating D

£650 pcm

LEVETT GRANGE, RUGELEY

- 3 Bed End Terrace
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Allocted Parking
- Energy rating C

£650 pcm

MERLIN CLOSE, CANNOCK

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge/Dining room
- Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Garage/Garage
- Energy rating D

£675 pcm

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

- Two Bed Detached
- Town Centre
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, GCH, DG

£675 pcm

NEWBURY ROAD, NORTON CANES

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge/ Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom/ Ensuite
- GCH /DG

£695 pcm

BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

- FULLY RENOVATED
- MUST BE VIEWED
- 3 Bed Semi
- Part Furnished
- Energy Rating D

£775 pcm

HILTON LANE, SHARESHILL

- Semi Detached Cottage
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Utility, Guest WC
- Three Double

£1000 pcm

BADGERS COURT, HEATH HAYES

- Well Presented 1st Floor Apartment
- Security Gated Entrance
- Spacious Lounge
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Modern Fitted Bathroom
- One Double Bedroom
- Private Parking

£75,000 No Chain

CANNOCK ROAD, CHADSMOOR

- A Fully Re-furbished End Terrace
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
- DG/GCH
- Parking at Rear -Two Cars

£98,000 No Chain

KELVESTONE HOUSE, CANNOCK

- A Well Presented 2nd Floor Apartment
- Under floor heating throughout
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Secure Allocated Parking
- Town Centre Location
- No Chain

£107,500

HUNTER ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Well Presented Semi Detached House
- GCH & DG
- Entrance Hall, lounge
- Spacious Kitchen-Diner
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

£115,000 No Chain

REMBRANDT CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

- A Mid Terraced House
- Lounge
- Kitchen-Diner
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Two Allocated Parking Spaces
- Popular Location

£115,000 No Chain

LITTLEWORTH ROAD, HEDNESFORD

- A Very Well Presented and Improved Mid Terraced House
- GCH & D/G
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Modern Kitchen, Utility
- Guest WC/ Shower Room
- Three Bedrooms, Modern Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens & Parking to Rear

£119,950 No Chain

BROAD STREET, BRIDGTOWN

- A Well Presented Mid Terraced House
- Family Lounge, Dining- Sitting Room
- Extended Modern Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Good Sized Garden
- Viewing Essential

£120,000

HOWELL MEWS, RUGELEY

- immaculately Presented Apartment
- Security Entrance
- Entrance Hall
- Open-Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- En-Suite & Bathroom
- Communal Gardens
- Allocated Parking

£123,000

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

- A traditional Well Presented Semi Det
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility/ Guest WC
- Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Rear Garden
- Town Centre Location

£139,950

WHITETHORN CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- A Beautifully Presented End Terraced House
- GCH & DG
- Guest WC, Lounge- Diner
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Driveway, Viewing Essential

£149,950

BERRY HILL, HEDNESFORD

- A Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Sought After Location
- Kitchen, Lounge
- Two/Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Rear Garden
- Garage & Driveway
- Rear Garden

£155,000 No Chain

TEDDESLEY WAY, HUNTINGTON

- A Very Well Presented Semi Det House
- Through Hallway
- Family Lounge & Dining Room
- Modern Kitchen
- Impressive Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Ensuite & Bathroom
- Driveway to Front & Rear Garden

£165,000 No Chain

BIDEFORD WAY, CANNOCK

- An Extremely Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Much Improved & Extended
- Family Lounge Diner, Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Impressive Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Shower Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Viewing Essential

£174,950

CHURCH ROAD, NORTON CANES

Viewing Essential

- Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Family Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Well Stocked Rear Garden With Open Views
- Driveway & Garage

OIRO £199,950

HILLSIDE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

Viewing Essential

- Spacious Semi Detached
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Kitchen & Family Room
- Ground Floor Bedroom & Ensuite Shower
- Four 1st floor Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Master with Dressing Room/Study
- Driveway & Rear Garden

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- 13 Allocated Car Parking Spaces
- EPC Rating C-65

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MOTORING | YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO THE BEST CARS ON THE MARKET

New Mazda3 hits the road

There are some subtle visual changes to the new Mazda3 – but combined with some major changes beneath the surface, you get the impression of a brand new car.

Never judge a book by its cover though. Underneath the stylish skin there is a very different story indeed. A raft of improvements inside and out makes the 2017 model quieter, smoother, more refined and safer.

Billed on the Mazda website as "The 2017 Mazda3 – an exhilarating sporty Hatchback with low fuel consumption, the revamped exterior design conveys power, beauty and dynamic motion in every detail.

Experience

"Through further advancements in our renowned SKYACTIV Technology, 2017 Mazda3 further enhances the driving experience, providing you with an unmatched level of driving enjoyment, whilst still achieving excellent fuel economy.

"Advanced i-ACTIVSENSE safety features ensure you stay in safe hands while in-cabin infotainment system MZD Connect keeps you connected to internet radio and social media."

With a choice of two petrol engines and two diesels prices for the new model range from £17,595 to £24,195. Our motoring writer John Griffiths has put the new Mazda to the test. Read his full review on page 53.

MAZDA3 - QUIETER, SMOOTHER AND MORE REFINED. READ OUR ROAD TEST ON PAGE 71

News in brief

SsangYong announces the launch of pick-up

SsangYong has announced the launch of the Musso one-tonne pick-up.

Powered by a smooth and refined 2.2 litre Euro 6 turbo-diesel engine, the new Musso pick-up delivers huge value.

Designed to appeal to those who need a competitively priced work truck, the practicality of 4-wheel drive, the towing capability to haul up to three tonnes yet also the appointments of a family car, it's ideal for towing a work trailer, boat trailer or horse box.

SsangYong pick-up

"Our commercial vehicles represent an intrinsic part of the SsangYong range," says Paul Williams, CEO of SsangYong Motor UK, "and we decided to reintroduce the Musso name to differentiate this superb utility truck from our passenger cars. Musso – which means rhinoceros in Korean – is a tough, robust proposition for any trade, and with a specification, price and warranty no others can compete with."

The new Musso goes on sale in the UK this month, and will feature a newly developed Euro 6 turbo-diesel engine to meet the demand for a more powerful performance and lower CO2 emissions at the same time. There are two models in the range. The SE includes a new-look front grille and dashboard, as well as silver finish 18" alloy wheels and hard wearing 'leather look' TPU seat upholstery. It is priced from £15,995 ex VAT. Further information is available from www.ssangyonggb.co.uk

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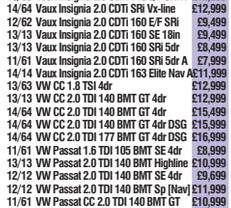

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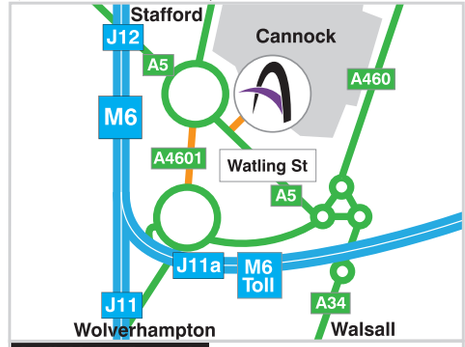

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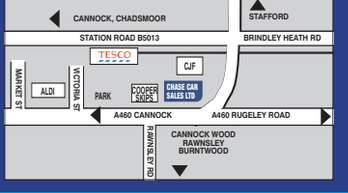

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Mid-sized SUV is a strong contender

Michael Weston

Skoda enters the mid-sized SUV segment with this Kodiaq, a model with class-leading passenger space, plenty of luxurious touches and the option of seven seats.

It can tow up to 2.5-tonnes and has the largest boot in the class too. In other words, you'd have to take this contender seriously.

The mainstream Kodiaq engine range is built around two TDI diesel units and a trio of TSI petrol powerplants.

Most will want the 2.0-litre TDI unit, offered with either 150 or 190PS, with the pokier version able to accelerate this large SUV to 62mph in 8.6s on the way to 130mph. The range of petrol engines consists of two 1.4 TSI units, plus a 2.0 TSI powerplant.

The entry-level 1.4 TSI generates 125PS and 200Nm of torque, while the pokier 1.4 option manages 150PS and 250Nm of pulling power.

The top-of-the-range 2.0TSI petrol engine develops 180PS with a decent 320Nm of torque. It'll be a rare choice though.

Possibly of more interest than the engines on offer will be the freshly-developed 7-speed dual-clutch auto gearbox, an option to the standard 6-speed manual with some variants. An optional 'Driving Mode Select' system enables the driver to tweak throttle response, steering feel and auto gearshift timings, plus on 4x4 versions there's a 'Snow' setting that optimises things for off road use.

Front wheel drive is mandatory on the 1.4 TSI 125PS petrol Kodiaq and optional on the 1.4 TSI 150PS or 2.0 TDI 150PS derivatives. Most will want 4WD though and you have to have it on top petrol and diesel units that must also be coupled with the auto transmission.

The interior includes a 6.5-inch infotainment screen

In profile – the Skoda Kodiaq is a handsome option

SKODA KODIAQ

The wide, three-dimensional radiator grille is striking and the narrow, raked headlights look distinctive in appearance

The Kodiaq's styling conforms to the way you'd expect a big Skoda SUV to look, with a clear, precise and clean-cut shape marked out by a distinctive, highly recessed shoulder line. The wide, three-dimensional radiator grille is quite striking and the narrow, raked headlights look distinctive in appearance. TheKodiaq is one of the biggest VW Group models to be spun off the conglomerate's MQB platform.

It's around 4.7m in length and the long wheelbase and short overhangs point to a large interior.

That's certainly what you get once you take a seat inside. This is a much bigger SUV than the brand's Yeti, which ample room for heads, legs and knees. The boot's huge too, large enough in fact to accommodate the optional fold-out third seating row that rival Volkswagen Tiguan and SEAT Ateca SUVs can't offer.

If you stick with the five-seat variant, there's a 720-litre cargo area, extendable to 2,065-litres once you fold the rear bench.

If the optional folding passenger seat is chosen, this SUV can transport items up to 2.80m long. An electrically operated tailgate is available, and a Kodiaq fitted with a drivetrain can tow a trailer weighing up to 2.5-tonnes. It's all very practical. Approach purchase of a Kodiaq armed with a budget in the £28,000 to £35,000 bracket and you'll find you've managed your expectations about right. That's about the same kind of money you'd need for obvious family SUV rivals that offer 7-seat options, cars like Kia's Sorento, Hyundai's Santa Fe and Mitsubishi's Outlander.

Equipment levels are quite generous. Even entry-level variants get Skoda's 'Swing' infotainment system with its 6.5-inch screen. It can be supplemented with a smartphone Bluetooth connection and the 'Skoda SmartLink' set-up. 'SmartLink' supports the use of Apple CarPlay, Android Auto and MirrorLink. Plus there's a 'Phonebox' option that charges a smartphone inductively using the Qi standard and connects to the car aerial – both processes occur wirelessly. There's also the opportunity of specifying a 'Skoda Connect' package that gives you various online services, remote access to your car via a downloadable app and a 'Care Connect' system that provides emergency assistance.

As for safety, well a 'Front Assist including City Emergency Brake' system is standard, using a radar to scan the road ahead for potential accident hazards as you drive. Adaptive Cruise Control, a 'Driver Alert' system to combat fatigue and a 'Traffic Jam Assist' system are all optional.

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Don't judge car by its cover – look inside

New Mazda 3 starts from £17,595 – looks pretty much the same externally, but what's inside?

By John Griffiths

This is one for real car enthusiasts of the future: what's the difference between the 'old' Mazda version?

The answer – in visual terms – is a little testing because the changes are indeed subtle. But underneath the skin is a very different story. It sounds and feels like a whole new car, as it benefits from some of the latest technology handed down from the flagship Mazda6. The use of new and higher quality materials in the cabin is obvious. But the real story is how the 2017 car feels to drive – quieter, smoother and more refined – as well as being safer.

Prices range from £17,595 to £24,195, meaning a model for model increase of around £200 despite the raft of improvements. There are two petrol engines and two diesels, including the tax-busting 1.5 litre oil burner added to the 3 range last year with its 99g/km CO2 rating.

It's a good-looker in any company, particularly (for me) the coupe styling of the Fastback model, although the hatchback is likely to be the biggest seller. There's no mistaking where 'Son of 3' gets its sleek looks from, The changes are in the detail, with a bolder new grille and badge and revised fog lamp housing, plus a new bumper for hatchback models. The real giveaway is the new door mirrors which now incorporate wrap-around indicator lights.

The overall impression of the cabin is of a major upgrade, thanks to higher quality materials and new trim. The adoption of an electronic handbrake (which automatically releases as you let in the clutch) frees up space for a bigger centre console storage box with sliding cover. What you don't see, but do experience as you drive, is the considerable extra soundproofing in the roof, doors, dashboard and transmission tunnel, as well as new door seals.

Whether petrol or diesel, the new Mazda3 must be one of the quietest cars in its class: indeed its a whispering rival to some more expensive brands. This sound reduction is enhanced on diesel models technology called transient control, which reduces turbo lag (meaning brisker, petrol-like initial acceleration) as well as reducing diesel rattle on start-up or under load.

But one of the biggest changes is Mazda's G-Vectoring – something you'll never hear, feel or see but will be imperceptively be there, working away to make you seem a better, smoother driver.

Put simply, its computer brain monitors throttle and steering inputs and subtly varies torque between the driven wheels, aiding turn-in, traction and stability.

Combined with improvements to the MacPherson strut suspension, this endows the new 3 with a significantly smoother, more comfortable ride in a car which can match many a hot hatchback for its dynamic abilities.

While the instrument display is revised for greater clarity, a new head-up display atop the instrument binnacle is an excellent option. Now in colour, it displays your speed, the local speed limit and includes traffic sign recognition, as well as satnav instructions which are clearly displayed on a transparent perspex3 Hatchback is screen.

The 3 hatchback is a full five seater, with plenty of head and legroom for adults even in the rear. Boot space is 364 litres, rising to 1,263 litres with the rear seats folded flat.

The most economical engine is the 1.5 litre, 105PS turbo diesel, with 270Nm of torque (more than the 2.0 litre petrol stablemate) for quiet, easy cruising on long motorway runs. It's 0 to 62mph time is a class average 11 seconds, but those who go for this option will be attracted by its official 74.3mpg average economy, with a road tax free 99g/km CO2 rating. Perhaps more popular with the business sector will be the 150PS, 2.2 litre diesel with a whopping 380Nm of torque. It's the sprinter of the family yet is still credited with economy of just over 60mpg and a low 104g/km of CO2. The 2.0 litre petrol's vital statistics are 8.9 seconds, 55.4mpg, and 119g/km of CO2.

There are four trim levels to chose from, with impressive levels of equipment. Many of the technological options are safety-based, including the 'smart city brake' system which uses radar sensors to warn, and if necessary, brake the car to prevent a rear end collision.

There's also 'emergency indicators' – hard braking switches on the hazard warning lights for a few flashes, alerting drivers behind that you've just pulled up rather quicker than they might have expected.

The new Mazda3 hasn't changed a lot of the outside – but since it still looks sleek and modern, why would you change it?

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Sharon Walters

Kia's third generation Sportage back in 2010 was a real game changer for the Korean company which was well known for decent cars with very good warranties, but there was little else to make you very interested.

Then along came the stylish SUV designed by Peter Schreyer which started to turn heads. And this year the fourth generation, also designed by German-born Schreyer who put his mark on the Audi TT, is turning heads even further.

The Sportage crossover has been Kia's best-selling model in the UK, stealing sales from other brand's offerings, and the latest model certainly looks to continue that trend. Buyers see it as a quality car, well equipped, well priced, excellent warranty and a good looker. There are 18 variants with prices starting from £17,995 on-the-road including for the first time GT-Line versions which add an even more sporty flourish to the range. The line-up is headed by the luxurious First Edition model, priced at £31,645. GT-Line models start at £24,350.

Four engines and three transmissions are available including a 1.6 litre T-GDi (turbocharged gasoline direct injection) unit and a 7DCT (seven-speed dual-clutch automatic) gearbox, both of which are reserved exclusively for GT-Line. In addition there are a 1.6 litre GDi petrol and 1.7 and 2.0 litre turbodiesel power units from the third generation but now all with improved fuel economy and CO_2 reductions of up to 29g/km, which means lower company car tax for the Sportage's business drivers.

The six trim lines are badged 1, 2, 3, 4, GT-Line and First Edition. All versions powered by the 1.6 litre GDi and 1.7 litre CRDi engines are front-wheel drive, while those powered by the 1.6 litre T-GDi unit and the two 2.0 litre CRDi diesels have all-wheel drive.

All versions of Sportage are generously equipped and feature an extensive package of comfort, convenience and safety items. Standard across the range are 16 inch alloy wheels and all-round disc brakes, a black diamond-mesh grille with chromed surround, front foglights, LED daytime running lamps, cornering lights, chrome-coated belt-line mouldings, smart black cloth upholstery with a grey headlining, electrically adjustable door mirrors, a leather-trimmed steering wheel and gearshifter, all-round electric windows, air conditioning, a DAB radio, Bluetooth with music streaming, USB and AUX ports, 12-volt power outlet in the front and rear, Trailer Stability Assist, Hill-start Assist, Downhill Brake Control and cruise control with speed limiter.

I tried out the 1.7 CRDI '2' Eco which at £22,050 on-the-road is probably the best value in its sector. There's a whole raft of specification in addition to that already mentioned, with one of the best satellite navigation systems in its audio/communication and information systems. On top of that, as with all Sportages in the range, you get a seven year/100,000 mile warranty, anti-perforation warranty, paint warranty and roadside assistance.

Inside there's plenty of legroom all round and a large boot. Plus the rear seats have a 60/40 split fold and you also get reclining seats. Quality of interior finish is high and smart and the dashboard is tidy, too many today are far too cluttered and mixed up, with everything clearly marked and not an initial guessing game to see just what they will do! And the buttons are not made for the tiniest fingers to operate. Getting a good driving position is easy to achieve and, of course, there's a wide view all round of the road.

On the road the Sportage is stable and precise on winding country roads (and I did a lot of driving on those during the test) and was very comfortable on a long motorway journey covering hundreds of miles smoothly and leaving me fairly refreshed at the end. And fuel economy was impressive. It's rare to achieve the 'official' figures from any manufacturer but I did get very close to the 61.4 mpg in my combined cycle of lanes and motorways on a 400-mile trip. In fact I had to keep checking the range to ensure I didn't run out on some of the more remote sections of the journey.

Safety is always important and besides all the active and passive systems on board, Sportage has a five star safety rating from Euro NCAP – earning particular mention of its ability to protect passengers of all sizes in all seats. And NCAP is a tough cookie from which to gain top star rating. Kia's team has made the Sportage an even better. Wait for the awards to come rolling in.

Very new and ... hardly new at all!

This car looks good from whichever angle you look at it

Fiat's 124 Spider has a driver-focused cockpit

By James Fossdyke

Amazingly, the 124 manages to be both very new and hardly new at all. It shares little more than a name with the old 124, which went out of production in the 1980s, but it shares much with a far more modern roadster – the fourth-generation Mazda MX-5.

The bodywork takes cues from the old car, what with the round headlights and the wide, vertical grille, but applies them in a distinctly modern way. The majority of the underpinnings, meanwhile, are pretty much straight from Mazda's much-acclaimed drop-top.

Granted, the suspension has been tweaked, but otherwise the only major change is the new powertrain. Unlike the MX-5, which uses naturally aspirated 1.5 and 2.0-litre engines, the 124 gets a 1.4-litre turbocharged engine. It sits between the two Mazda engines in power output, but the turbocharger gives it more torque and more mid-range grunt.

No matter which angle you approach it from, the 124 Spider is an impossibly pretty car. From the wide front and the wide, rounded headlights to the creases in the long bonnet and the square tail lights, it's a stunning thing to look at.

Inside, it's basically identical to the MX-5, with the circular air vents, driver-focused cockpit and seven-inch infotainment system that perches on the main dashboard. There are a few differences, though, such as the optional Tobacco leather fitted to our test car and the gear lever, which is slightly more comfortable and ergonomic.

As with the MX-5, the 124 Spider is hardly the last word in spaciousness. It's only a two-seater, and there isn't even a glove box as such, although you do get a small cubbyhole in the centre console and a lockable box between the seats.

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There is a little more space in the boot, but it's hardly cavernous back there. Official figures tell you there's 140 litres of space, although you'd be hard pushed to get much in. The opening is far narrower than the boot itself and because there's a huge boot lip, you'll have to heft heavy items quite a way to drop them in.

It's more than just the lack of storage that makes the car impractical, however – it's the lack of adjustability. The seat has plenty of fore and aft adjustment, but the backrest adjustment is notchy and the seat base doesn't move up and down. The biggest problem, though, is that the steering wheel doesn't adjust for reach. It's a small issue really, because it'll be fine for most, but taller drivers might struggle to get comfortable.

With the MX-5 as a baseline, it's no surprise that the 124 Spider is a great car to drive, but there is a very different character to the Fiat.The 138bhp engine may be less powerful than the MX-5's 158bhp 2.0-litre unit, but it offers similar performance. The 7.5-second sprint from 0-62mph is two-tenths slower than the Mazda's, but the 134mph top speed is marginally faster.

In the real world, though, it actually feels substantially quicker than the Mazda. The turbocharger gives it real punch and means you don't have to drop so many cogs when overtaking. There is a touch of turbo lag, which is a little annoying, but keeping it on the boost is a small, yet rewarding, challenge.

Whereas the MX-5 is pin-sharp, the Fiat is a little woollier on turn-in, and the body rolls more than the Mazda.

The steering, too, is a touch less direct. But those small concessions don't stop it being a really good car to drive briskly. The MX-5 is the ultimate driver's car, and though the 124 is a half-step behind in terms of excitement and involvement, it's actually a far better all-rounder.

The 124 Spider pricing starts from £19,545, which buys you the basic Classica trim. It's £1,100 more expensive than the basic 1.5-litre MX-5, but you do get the more potent turbocharged engine, 16-inch alloy wheels, keyless start and air conditioning, as well as other niceties such as cruise control.

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All that knew him are welcome at Broomhill W.M.C. for light refreshments.

EDGE

Kenneth

Passed away October 9, 2016.

Funeral will take place at Fradley Crematorium, 1.30pm, on Wednesday, October 26.

HARTSHORNE

Kath

Of Blackfords, Cannock. Passed away peacefully at The Heathers Nursing Home, on October 8, 2016, aged 81 years.

Reunited with her beloved Husband Ken and beloved Mom of Graham, John, Julie and Linda, also a loving Nan, Great-Nan, Auntie, Mother-in-law and Friend.

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Mary.

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HEATH

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nee Hayward

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(Syd)

Formerly of Norton Canes.

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(Tony)

Former Thorn EMI Electronics Ltd Employee.

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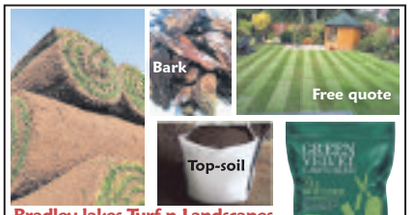

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The Wolves 1907/08 home shirt that features in the book

Wolves' Championship 2002-03 play-off final shirt

Author Steve Plant, aged 55, from Stourbridge, with his Wolves book They Wore The Shirt

Skipper Danny Batth models the 1980 League Cup winning shirt

Old gold memories as Wolves tops charted

FEW football shirts are as iconic as the old gold and black of Wolverhampton Wanderers.

First donned in 1889, the colours have graced the backs of Wolves greats through the good times and bad. Now the history of the shirt has been put in print by die-hard fan Steve Plant and the book was launched in style with a host of past and present players, club staff and hundreds of fans.

They Wore The Shirt, a 255-page coffee-table book, is the product of the author's vast personal collection and his commitment to documenting the history of the club through the shirt.

Only 1,877 copies have been produced – a nod to the year Wolves were formed – and it comprises glossy pictures of 113 shirts.

Plant, aged 55, said: "There are many shirts in there that people will never have seen before and perhaps didn't even know existed. It is the entire history of Wolves done from a different angle."

Flannel

It begins by chronicling the club's inception and the team founded in 1877 by a group of pupils at Blakenhall's St Luke's school. Plant writes that knitted or worsted jerseys and later gentlemen's flannel dress shirts typically formed a player's attire at that time.

Most notably the shirt worn by the early St Luke's side featured blue and white hoops. By 1883 the club had switched to red and white vertical stripes – the reason still remains a mystery.

In 1889 gold and black was adopted for the first time to match the colours of Wolverhampton's coat of arms created a year earlier. The motto on the coat of arms read Out Of Darkness, Cometh Light – with black used to symbolise the dark and gold representing the light. After a brief return to red and white in 1890, a new Football League order requiring teams to register official colours forced Wolves back into gold and black stripes to avoid a clash with Sunderland.

The earliest shirt pictured is the 1907-08 home jersey. It is believed to be the oldest Wolves jersey in existence. It came to Plant via a dusty attic in Canada.

There is a suggestion that it may have belonged to John Brodie, who played a key part in the formation of Wolverhampton Wanderers, with his family believed to have emigrated to Canada.

Other notable entries include the shirts worn by Wolves greats in the hugely successful 1950s.

Among them are the floodlight friendly fluorescent gold shirts made famous by a series of challenge matches against top Continental club sides.

Among the pictures are the very shirt worn by Honved hero Roy Swinbourne who provided the catalyst for the famous victory over the Hungarian side in 1954, shirts from Wolves FA Cup victories and an England shirt worn by Billy Wright against Germany.

A selection of popular Umbro shirts follow from between 1970 and 1986 including the 1977-79 home jersey, voted the club's most popular of all time in a Twitter poll conducted by Plant. The book then enters 'The Bully Years' with the iconic sponsors including Staw Distribution, Mander Paint & Ink and Goodyear.

Its final section charts the Millennium Years including the 2002-03 play-off final shirt worn by goalscorer Nathan Blake.

Plant started collecting Wolves shirts to show his father John after he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and given just months to live by doctors.

He said: "I would take each shirt round to show him as I got it and you could see it would put a sparkle in his eye. That was when I started buying anything and everything Wolves related."

Proceeds from the sale of the book will go to Birmingham Children's Cancer Unit with the hope of raising £20,000.

Favourites

Among those attending the launch at the WV1 Bar in the Stan Cullis Stand were current skipper Danny Batth, team-mates Nouha Dicko and Richard Stearman and old favourites Steve Bull, John Richards, Kenny Hibbitt, Phil Parkes, Willie Carr, Steve Daley and Colin Brazier. TV presenter Jacqui Oatley and former players George Elokobi and Matt Jarvis sent messages via a special video.

Plant said: "The Wolves shirt is the fabric of the club and it reminded me why I have given so many years, through good times and bad, watching Wolverhampton Wanderers."

Current players modelled the shirts for the book including Batth who said: "It's the story behind the strips that everyone's interested in and it's nice to be part of and to be able to show my support."

Record goalscorer Steve Bull said: "It's unbelievable. I didn't know what half of those shirts were like."

Hibbitt added: "Looking at some of the photographs in there brings a tear to your eye when you see all the boys."

For a copy, see www.theyworetheshirt.co.uk

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Sport

Book of old shirts brings back golden memories

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A deserved first win of the season

Cannock 4 Preston 1

CANNOCK deservedly recorded their first National League Conference North win of the season.

Louie Morris made goals for Chris Darnley and Hamish McKittrrick.

Preston took advantage of an extra man and pulled one back, but Darnley added his second and Nav Deegan completed the scoring.

Cannock 2nds 5 West Bridgford 4

CANNOCK conceded after 38 seconds and soon found themselves 3-0 down. Cannock woke up and scored two goals before half time, then went on to win.

A Richard Parker hat-trick enabled Cannock to level, but Bridgford went ahead again within 16 seconds.

A goal for Jamie Greenwood got Cannock back level and in the final minute Danny Swinnerton-Ions tapped home.

Cannock 3rds 1 Edgbaston 1

CANNOCK dominated most of the game but failed to take their chances. Edgbaston took the lead with their first attack but Callum Warren levelled.

Cannock 4ths 2 Beeston 5ths 3

CANNOCK 4ths were left frustrated after losing when at least a point was deserved. The visitors scored an early goal but Josh Edwards replied.

Cannock gifted a goal right from the push back then Beeston scored again before Edwards' second.

Cannock 5ths 0 N Staffs 4ths 2

THE first goal came when stand-in keeper Gary Stacey made a sliding save, only for the ball to ricochet off an attacking player and into the path of another. The second came as Cannock pushed for an equaliser.

Cannock 6ths 6 Bridgnorth 1

SCORERS were Bruce Alcock (3), Harry Michael, Rosh Chana and Gary Jones.

Cannock Badgers 5 Barton Badgers 4

THE Badgers came from 2-0 down. Goals came from Oliver Bhageerutty, Evan Alcock and Harry Michael (3).

Scholars' hat-trick hero James leads Vics a merry Dance

Northwich 2 Chasetown 3

A JAMES Dance treble did the trick to bring Chasetown an Evo-Stik First Division South victory.

Dance's first two goals were carbon copies. In the third minute a long throw from Matt Wood was flicked on by Mitchell Piggon and Dance hooked the ball over Mason Springthorpe in the Northwich net.

On the half-hour, Piggon again flicked on Wood's throw for Dance, on the turn, to fire low past the goallkeeper.

Northwich hit back on 53 minutes through Simon Lakeland's long-range effort. But Dance completed his treble with a volley from just outside the six-yard box.

In the final minute Scholars keeper John Bateman was sent off for a foul and although stand-in Dance could not keep out Jamie Hinchcliffe's penalty, he had already done enough for the win.

The Scholars were at home to Loughborough Dynamo on Tuesday night and travel to Stamford on Saturday.

Sporting way to raise hospice cash

Fundraising day participants with two Mercedes cars provided by Mercedes Tamworth

SWIMMERS and runners teamed up with golfers to support leading St Giles Hospice.

As golfers hit the greens at Lichfield Golf and Country Club for a competition organised by Brendan Heaney in memory of his friends Douglas Bottom and John Harvey, swimmers dived into the pool and runners took to the treadmill in the club's gym to boost the coffers.

Douglas' daughter Vick Pountney and her husband Karl were the swimmers, while Douglas' grandchildren Lucinda, 21 and George, 18, and Lucinda's boyfriend Drew Adams, 21 took part in the run.

Some £6,300 was raised in all, to be split between St Giles Hospice and the Stroke Association.

Douglas, from Gentleshaw, died in January 2016, while John, from Lichfield, died in May 2015 following a road accident.

Brendan, from Lichfield, was helped by his friend Steve Ashmore to organise the golf competition, which he runs each year.

Meanwhile, the charity fitness challenge saw £10 donated for every length Vick and Karl swam in half an hour, and £100 for every kilometre the younger members of the family ran in the same time. Vick and her family are from Hill Ridware, near Rugeley, while Drew is from Brownhills.

PITMEN DENIED BY FREAK GOAL

Hednesford Town 1 Blyth Spartans 2

THE Pitmen missed the chance to consolidate their top five spot, a freak goal condemning them to defeat by Blyth Spartans, who overhauled them.

Despite the Pitmen controlling possession in the opening few minutes, the away side settled into the game quicker with Luke Armstrong seeing a shot tipped over by Dan Crane in the ninth minute.

Tristian Dunkley saw a shot blocked for the home side before Matty Pattison fired an effort just wide from the edge of the box for Spartans after bustling through a couple of challenges.

The visitors almost capitalised on a mistake from the home side in the 35th minute when a ball bounced up and over Crane, but he recovered to make a smart block.

Back came the home side and two minutes later George Carline cut inside before seeing his shot blocked. The midfielder was soon in action again as his header down picked out Danny Glover but his effort was also blocked.

Close

Five minutes before the break the visitors came close when a free kick from Pattison went narrowly wide of the upright.

Cohen Bramall drilled wide as the hosts started the second half on the front foot. But Blyth went ahead in the 67th minute, Sean Reid allowed time to turn and move before hitting a low shot in the corner.

The Pitmen were level 11 minutes later when Gurjit Singh's deflected shot from 20 yards found the mark. Hednesford sensed as if the game was there for taking. However, the visitors took all three points thanks to a bizarre goal in the 81st minute.

A ball over the top was initially dealt with by the Hednesford defence but as Calum Flanagan went to clear the ball it rebounded off Armstrong and into the net.

Despite forcing a couple of corners the Pitmen only tested the visiting goalkeeper once more when Singh fired in a low shot that was turned away to end any hopes of a late comeback.

After travelling to Barwell on Tuesday night, the Pitmen visit Skelmersdale on Saturday.

Hednesford's Ashley Sammons tries a shot from distance as the Pitmen fall at home to Blyth

Hayes on spot after fluffing their lines

Lichfield City 2 Heath Hayes 1

HAYES' five game unbeaten run was ended against the league leaders, but they really should have won.

Instead, they were made to pay for poor finishing, a missed penalty and a "goal" that was not awarded. They then gifted their hosts a winner in the sixth minute of injury time.

Joe Hartshorne failed to convert a decent first half chance, then in the second saw his spot-kick saved by Imre Virdee.

Charlie Ware thought his header had broken the deadlock as the ball appeared to be well over the line but the assistant referee, having originally signalled a goal, changed her mind.

City went ahead in the 73rd minute and Ware levelled 10 minutes later. But Hayes conceded a needless free-kick deep into injury time from which Chris Bull scrambled the winner.

● Hayes progressed to the next round of the Staffs Senior Cup at the expense of Pelsall Villa. Hartshorne, Jones and Goodwin sealed a 3-1 win.

Four wins on travels in succession

Ashfield 6 Cannock 16

CANNOCK made it four wins out of four on the road with victory at Ashfield in the National Cup.

Poor discipline by the home side gave Cannock a penalty, but Jordan Pincombe's kick to the left of the post was missed. From the restart Scott Pedley ploughed over for a try. Carl Palmer's maiden first team try doubled the advantage.

A penalty given away in front of the posts put the home side on the score board, but Pincombe slotted home for Cannock in reply. Another Ashfield penalty reduced Cannock's lead, but Pincombe converted again.

Cannock 2nds 31 Rugeley 2nds 13

DEBUTANT Larry Adedaju scored a hat-trick of tries as Cannock eased past their local rivals.

Longton 15 Cannock Lionesses 34

THE ladies team, romped home with tries from Alice Jones, Danii Wilson-Hood, Sarah Rowden and Maria O'Shea amongst the scores.

Burntwood 2nds 46 Walsall 3rds 12

BURNTWOOD 2nds enjoyed their moment in the limelight following the first team's cancelled trip to Mansfield.

The hosts went ahead in the fifth minute as Adam Black squeeze over for the first of his side's eight tries.

Black repeated the feat nine minutes later, with Tom O'Brien converting.

Ben Tranter and Billy Fisher added tries before the break.

Tranter opened the second period, O'Brien added another, then Fisher notched his second.

Brad Holmes gave Burntwood a 39-0 lead, before Walsall got off the mark with a converted try. Gareth Williams' try was converted by O'Brien before Walall had the last word with a pusho-ver try.

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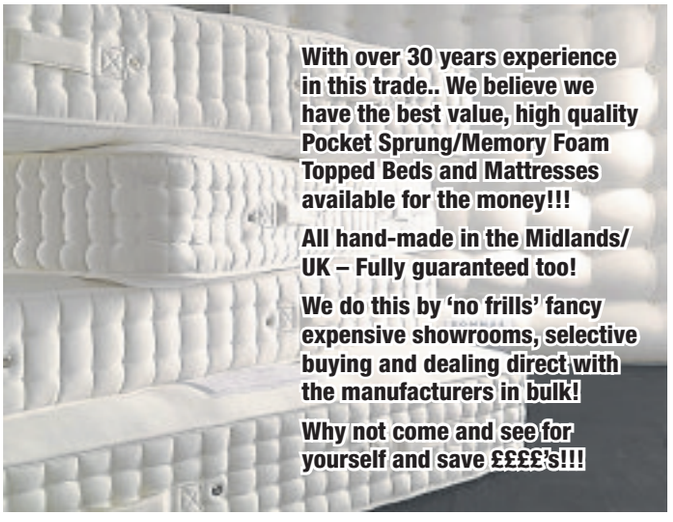

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Quite simply the best value 'Cool-Max' foam set anywhere!!!

Hand Made Fully Sprung 10.5" Thick Mattress with Our New Improved Interwoven 'Cool-Max' Luxury Memory Foam Top (Available in All Sizes and Other Colours too)

~~£299.99 rrp~~

NOW ONLY

£179.99

(all sizes available)

JUST COMPARE OUR PRICES!!!

TCL Offer a superb range of top quality divans, beds and mattresses direct from the factory saving you £££'s on all ranges from starter beds to the finest hand made Cashmere and Silk beds all at unbelievable prices.

"We do not sell cheap beds!! Just superb quality beds cheaply".

REGALE SUPERIOR DRAWER BASE DIVAN SETS - FACTORY PRICES !!!

Superb quality Belgian Damask handmade multi-stitched mattress and base unit. Open coil sprung with tufted mattress (over 10" thick) rod edged system (stops 'roll together')

~~£249.99 rrp~~

FACTORY DIRECT PRICE ONLY

£189.99

WHY PAY £300 + ANYWHERE ELSE???

WE HAVE THE BEST VALUE LUXURY HAND MADE 1000+ POCKET SPRUNG ORTHO MEMORY FOAM DIVAN BEDS AND MATTRESSES ANYWHERE.. ON THE MARKET !!!

DOUBLE DIVAN SET COMPLETE

USUALLY £379.99

SAVE £130!

NOW ONLY £249.99

For the quality & specification of this bed we believe this is the best value in the uk!!!

~~£599~~

Now £369.99

EXCLUSIVE : Over 1500 Heat Treated Pocket Springs / Pure Lamb's Wool & Soft Cotton Filling 3 rows of Hand Stitched Borders, Air Vents / Stitched Handles on a Hand tufted Mattress / Divan Fitted with Shepherd Castors and linkage bars **YOU WILL NOT BUY A BETTER BED FOR THIS PRICE !!!**

END OF SALE BARGAINS!

*** ONE ONLY*** SUPERKING 2 X JUMBO DRAWER DIVAN BASE WITH HAND STITCHED BORDERS / GLIDER CHROME CASTORS AND CHROME CONNECTING BARS - OFFERED WITH A SUPERB 11" THICK CASHMERE HAND MADE 1500+ POCKET SPRUNG MATTRESS..	NEW TO ORDER £699 WOW!! **NOW AT HALF PRICE AT ONLY £349.99 !!! *** **
4'0" FAUX LEATHER BED BASE	WAS £129 ONE ONLY **£37.50!!!**
4'6" SEMI ORTHO DEEP QUILTED 11" THICK MATTRESSES	WAS £159 10 ONLY **£119.99**
5'0 KING SIZE DEEP QUILTED SEMI ORTHO 11" MATTRESSES	WAS £185 4 ONLY **£139.99**
4'6" 1000 PLUS POCKET SPRUNG MATTRESS AND DIVAN BASE IN GREY SUEDE	WAS £269.99 EX DISPLAY ONLY **£157.50**
3'0" SINGLE ORTHO DIVAN SETS WITH 10" THICK HAND QUILTED MATTRESS	USUALLY £149.99 6 ONLY **£115**
3FT SINGLE MEMORY FOAM TOPPED 800 COUNT POCKET SPRUNG MATTRESS WITH GREY SUEDE BORDERS	NEW PRICE £189 - ONE ONLY **£135**

HEADBOARDS FROM ONLY £9.99 TOO PLUS LOADS MORE DIRECT FROM THE FACTORY TO YOU AT THE BEST PRICES

SPECIAL SIZES???

WE CAN OFFER SPECIAL SIZES/WIDTHS/ HEIGHT/STORAGE ETC DIRECT! ASK FOR DETAILS

FULL DELIVERY / INSTALLATION AVAILABLE AND REMOVAL OF OLD BEDS TOO!!

STUCK AT HOME?!?

DON'T RISK BUYING A BED OR MATTRESS FROM A BROCHURE OR INTERNET OFFER – IF YOU CAN'T GET TO US, WE'LL COLLECT YOU FROM HOME AND TAKE YOU BACK WHEN YOU'RE READY (NO OBLIGATION!)

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